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AUSTRALIAN LAND BASED ANGLERS

Welcome to the first quarterly ALBAA newsletter!

Being a web based Association we have found merit in communication however this also limits us to the audience we can reach, as such the ALBAA bimonthly newsletter has been initiated to keep our members and partners up to date and informed on happenings within the Association. While the web based forums supporting the main site allow us to communicate over, what would otherwise be a logistically insurmountable distance, we have recognised that there is a large constituency of members and associates that are unable to keep up with the sheer volume of information and discussion that the supporting forum presents. For those that are time poor or otherwise limited by online access ALBAA has commissioned this publication.

Note from the Committee

At ALBAA we neither endorse nor oppose any other fisher groups, don't wish to be exclusive in any of our endeavours or claim to represent anyone other than ourselves, adhere to a code that gives a consensual representation of club members in all our affairs and are actively engaged in the environmental stewardship that is a pre requisite for "continued and sustainable enjoyment" of the areas in which we fish.

While ALBAA provides all of the basic functions of a traditional fisherman's club we see no conflict in an angler belonging to their parent club and ALBAA, the difference is in our objectives.

ALBAA provides a forum for those interested people to take some of their thoughts out of the shed and share them with a group of like minded and motivated individuals. The Association has been set up in such a way that it is easy to build a team and get things done!



Darwin Jetty GT's!

While the NSW scene is slowing down the NT is starting to fire. Member Blue13 hooked the fish off the bottom and in close vicinity to pylons, where in true GT fashion it was determined to stay. After a few minutes the fish, still very green, succumbed under 7kgs of drag pressure and landed by a brilliant gaff shot (Thanks Sizie). Caught on a Dakau 11' Longtail, "the rod has a great curve loaded up and the length helped keep the fish away from the pylons. Although the fish was straight down, the rod felt comfortable and easy to control even with the high drag setting". Product testing NT style!

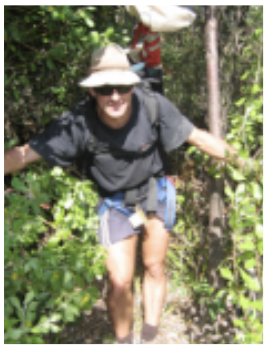
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Wrapping up the North Coast LBG season.



In typical north coast fashion we hit the stones with visions of putting a good fish on the plate. The timing was right and over the years my fishing partners and I had seen the patterns emerge. Having a few like minded friends, that are in the know, never hurts either. Given the fish were periodic, here one day gone the next, it could have been extremely tough going but the idea and method were simple.. Get in, get rigged up, get quality bait, get a hook up and get a fish on the rocks! Keeping in mind, this fish was to be for the table so it was equally important to treat it with kindness, and get out so it could be iced down asap!

Well, as it was it didn't take long. A screaming run, a massive fight and some classic gaff work followed by a celebration that a plan well executed deserved! What better way to finish an April mid north coast adventure than to put a fish on the plate in fine style.



The 'Guru' with fish in transit.

ALBAA Public Officer Pete Oberg with a fine LBG mid coast Long tail tuna.

27.5Kg on 15Kg tackle. Just to prove a point he headed south and caught another one two days later!



Jervis Bay Marine Park Review.

Jervis Bay Marine Park Zoning Review 2008

The zoning plan for Jervis Bay Marine Park (JBMP) is currently under review after five years of operation.

Under this review process, ALBAA submitted a 30 page document to the JBMP Authority that is consistent with the Association's core objectives.

The submission highlighted Land Based Game (LBG) Anglers rights to maintain and protect the cultural and historical significance of their recreational activity within the JBMP, in a safe and sustainable manner.

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Excerpts from the ALBAA JBMP submission.

In summary, the ALBAA submission suggested the following zoning changes:

- Full or partial change of the Docks Sanctuary Zone to Habitat Protection Zone, incorporating the Docks and The Inner Tubes.
- No net increase in Sanctuary Zones along the Jervis Bay coastline.
- Incorporating controlled LBG Angling opportunities into Sanctuary Zones.
- Prohibiting anchoring all year round, or extended from October to July, for The Outer Tubes and other defined areas within Marine Park Zones.
- JBMP Authority to consult with

• Cultural & Historical Significance of Land Based Game Angling in Jervis Bay.

Jervis Bay is the “birthplace” of LBG Angling and is the “jewel in the crown” of the limited LBG Angling locations throughout Australia, being so unique that no replacements are available anywhere else in the world. LBG Anglers have a significant cultural and heritage value in Jervis Bay, spanning 50 years, with no other stakeholder being as detrimentally affected by the JBMP zoning plan.

• Target Species of Land Based Game Angling in Jervis Bay.

LBG Anglers exclusively target highly migratory pelagic fish species. Studies from around the world detail

Access for Land Based Anglers within the Park is severely limited by the location of Sanctuary Zone and de-facto closures imposed by the Department of Defence and Booderee NP management. A GIS project was constructed by ALBAA, estimating that of the 36 km of coastline, 33 % is sanctuary zone, 47 % is restricted access, resulting in only 20% being accessible. 59 LBG Angling locations were identified along the Jervis Bay coastline, with 48 of these sites currently being inaccessible, leaving only 19% open to angling opportunities.

• ALBAA Proactive Approach: Ledge Care Initiative.

ALBAA committed to the continuing implementation of the ‘Ledge Care’ Initiative in the JBMP to assist in the implementation of the Operational Plan.



Department of Defence and Booderee NP to return access to currently restricted LBG Angling locations along the coastline.

- These suggested changes were supported through detailing the:

that highly migratory species do not demonstrate any benefit from marine reserves and that catch rates of these species do not increase following the proclamation of a marine reserve.

- Accessibility Issues for Land Based Anglers.

ALBAA called on the JBMP Authority to meet its responsibility to provide zoning for areas of cultural and historical significance, and suitable access to areas for sustainable uses. The Association continues to follow the developments of the review process and will make comment as deemed appropriate. ALBAA is also currently developing a plan to represent its members in the Booderee NP management plan review that is due to start later this year.

The ALBAA JBMP submission can be viewed at:

<http://www.albaa.com.au/downloads.htm>

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Ledge Care - In brief

The ALBAA 'Ledge Care' initiative has been established to allow fishermen to actively share in the stewardship of their local areas. The 'Ledge Care' philosophy also allows groups of anglers to initiate discussion and form relationships with their relevant coastal management bodies thus promoting a shared responsibility and ensuring anglers access rights are maintained.

ALBAA has established a set of protocols and packaged documentation to make this as easy as possible for those wanting to join ALBAA in spreading the 'Ledge Care' ideal Australia wide.

For more information contact Christian Gough on 04 11 987 987 or email ledgecare@albaa.com.au

Ledge Care in your backyard

The 'Ledge Care' initiative is not about publicising your hard earned quiet spots. We all fish here and its great to escape the crowds when you can, what is important is that we maintain what access we have to avoid 'crowd funnelling'. That is if the ledge next door gets shut down then you might just find the neighbours coming over to have a party at your place.

'Ledge Care' takes a holistic view of these issues, any areas that are written about in our publicised text are well established and have been written about for many years now. This is not about letting the cat out of the bag as much as it is about keeping a lid on it where your quiet spots are concerned.



Ledge Care Co-Ordinator

ALBAA would like to extend its gratitude and congratulations to Christian Gough for his recent appointment as 'Ledge Care' Co-ordinator. This is an important step for the 'Ledge Care' program in establishing a workable management hierarchy. This position will also provide a single point of contact for Clean Up Australia and other 'Ledge Care' external enquiries. Christian has been a driving force behind the 'Ledge Care' program and exemplary in his conduct as Central Coast team leader.



South Avoca Ledge Care

As part of the Australian Land Based Anglers Association (ALBAA) commitment to the 'Ledge Care' initiative our Central Coast Team have been taking on the rubbish issue at South Avoca head on. Numerous Clean up events have been staged at this location over the past months and have been held with the support of Gosford City Council.

Due to ease of access and being a short drive from Sydney this Ledge sees a huge amount of fishing pressure and, unfortunately, a huge amount of litter. The Central Coast team have taken on a big task in trying to keep this ledge clean and have set the standard for local commitment within the 'Ledge Care' initiative.

Being a bunch of die hard LBG fishermen these guys wouldn't dream of starting an event any later than four am, with the actual clean up scheduled for midday. The fishing results have been varied and have involved some hilarious fish juggling episodes and good spin sessions.

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The Central Coast team, have found merit in expanding the 'Ledge Care' model to include an early morning fish. Getting down on the ledge and being seen, by others, as fishermen first has had a real impact to those who have been witness to these events. The team got a pat on the back too, with one prominent local citizen stating 'You guys have restored my faith in humanity a little today'.

After the initial event the ledge was wiped clean of human footprint, unfortunately a site inspection one week later saw the crew scheduling another event as soon as possible.

While the area certainly needed a little TLC it was evident that the headland was in much better condition. On this occasion it seemed a new fashion had emerged, the use and blatant

discarding of medical gloves. Once the gloves were removed, along with a generous amount of general litter only the rock pools required attention.

It may often be overlooked by those fishing that cleaning their fish in rock pools may result, a week later, in a stagnant festering mess. Being more than aware of this fact the guys took the time to send any 'natural matter' seaward where it could be of benefit to more than the resident population of crabs.

Clean up number two, once again left the ledge in a pristine state that it has seldom seen in recent years. All of the refuse collected during these events was deposited in bins provided by Gosford City Council for proper disposal. ALBAA would also like to thank James Lawson and the team at Gosford City

Council for their effort and continued support.

We would also like to make special mention of Samantha Lambs contribution and thank those at Clean Up Australia for providing all of the equipment necessary to carry out these events.

ALBAA would also like to thank its members for volunteering their time and resources to attend these events, ensuring a brilliant outcome was achieved for the iconic platform at South Avoca.

Central Coast Team Leader.



ALBAA Central Coast crew taking out the trash at South Avoca!

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Central Coast and Hunter regions combined Ledge Care event.

On the 24th of May 2008 the Australian Land Based Anglers Association (ALBAA) held a 'Ledge Care' event as a combined effort between its Central Coast and Lower Hunter teams. This Clean up event was staged with the support of National Parks NSW, Lake MacQuarie City Council and Clean Up Australia.

The focus of these actions were the prominent rock ledges within the Munmorah State Conservation Area and the southern headland of Catherine Hill Bay.

A pre- event fishing session at Snapper Point saw all members relaxed and in good spirits before the clean up began at 12:00pm. While the fishing was nothing to write home about with one Salmon (Australian) taken on live bait, a great result was achieved for the environment in these areas.

Once the cleanup kicked into gear at Snapper Rock the team found what has been generally identified as common waste. The stakes changed somewhat when we rounded the southern point, finding the remnants of a car! While theories and much debate ranged as to how this vehicle arrived at its destination, given that there is nowhere to drive a car over the top of the ledge these days. Nor were any recent tracks found during the event. The team picked up as many loose parts as they could find before heading back up to the track head.

ALBAA members also found some time to hand out a few 'Rock Fishing Safety' DVD's to some grateful members of the public, courtesy of ANSA's ongoing Safety program.

As usual some 'ancient meeting sites' were found just off the tracks with bottles and cans being easily dated back twenty years.

The teams then split with the Central Coast (CC) guys negotiating their way south to Wybung Head. What was encountered here was somewhat different to the general refuse found on most events. It seems that the local custom at this end of the park is to throw your garbage off the top of what is a substantial headland and watch or count as it flutters or crashes its way to the bottom of the cliff.

After some interesting access issues

competitions' begin, with maximum spread of broken glass seeming to be the desirable outcome. The Lower Hunter team took on a big ask cleaning out all the caves on the headland and attempting to make an impact on the broken glass littering the headland. Due to time and physical constraints they were really only able to remove the larger pieces that would be more likely to result in serious injury if encountered accidentally.

Meeting back at the Catho Pub, for light refreshments it was decided that both teams would return to CHB at the earliest available opportunity in an attempt to bring the area up to a maintainable level.

While the LH Team were busy at Catho it came to light that the CC boys had run into Glen Gifford from National Parks NSW, after taking care of business at Wybung Head. When the car matter was raised the boys were informed that there had been an attempted airlift (by chopper) the previous week. Unfortunately the wreck wouldn't budge but further plans are in the making for its proper disposal.

The rubbish collected was then placed in the skip bin kindly provided by Lake Macquarie City Council for proper disposal.

ALBAA would like to extend its gratitude to Karen Mason, Kym Bilham, Alan Godden (Lake Macquarie City Council) and Glen Gifford and his team at National Parks NSW and Munmorah State Conservation Area for their support and assistance.

ALBAA would also like to thank Clean Up Australia for their continued assistance and support.

Although some of the above debriefing may be a slightly bitter pill to swallow, the important thing is that a great outcome for these environs was achieved.

Lower Hunter and Central Coast Team Leaders.



the team made it down to ground zero and set about wiping the rock ledge clean of human footprint.

On meeting the Lower Hunter (LH) crew at the designated rendezvous point a similar story was told of Catherine Hill Bay (CHB). While the headland lacks the sheer faces of its southern cousin the waste found on and around the ledge was of a similar nature.

At CHB, it seems, the custom involves leaving your waste on the ledge before heading back to the top of the headland to drink ones self silly. Once sufficiently lubricated, 'bottle throwing

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Catherine Hill Bay II Ledge Care Event

On the 28th of June 2008 the Australian Land Based Anglers Association (ALBAA) held another 'Ledge Care' event, as a combined effort between its Central Coast and Lower Hunter teams. This Clean up event was staged with the support of Lake Macquarie City Council and Clean Up Australia.

The focus of this action was the prominent rock ledge at the southern point of Catherine Hill Bay.

A pre-event fishing session at Catho proved the Hunter Clean up 'curse' hadn't been lifted. Although the bait fishing was very good there was little around to eat it! A couple of hours throwing a diver around proved that there was still the odd Salmon and Bonnie about although for the effort the results left a little to be desired. While the fishing was slow it was a very warm morning for the time of year and the guys were happy to be in T shirts shortly after sunrise.

The Clean up started slightly behind schedule but all were in good spirits for what was turning out to be a stunning winters day. The call was made to concentrate on the 'Catho Glass situation'. With seven bodies and plenty of bags we set about the arduous task of picking up the pieces one at a time. A safety briefing prior to clean up proved helpful to ensure that all members were equipped with gloves and asked to take care when handling their bags.

The Team still found time to chat with a few of the local and visiting fishermen as well as a couple of local surfers who share the same sort of affinity with the area.

ALBAA would like to extend its gratitude to Karen Mason, Kym Bilham, Alan Godden (Lake Macquarie City Council) and Clean Up Australia for their continued assistance and support.

Round two at CHB saw a large portion of the glass removed from the headland, with enough hands a great outcome was achieved. Although there were areas that had been once again littered with the usual refuse, it was notable that the area was still in much better shape than before our previous efforts a month prior.

ALBAA would like to thank its Central Coast and Lower Hunter members, through their effort and attendance a big step forward was taken for this area.

Lower Hunter and Central Coast Team Leaders.



ALBAA members looking happy about being able to drive out to Big Beecroft!

Jervis Bay Ledge Care Event

On the 14th of June 2008 the Australian Land Based Anglers Association (ALBAA) held a 'Ledge Care' event at Jervis Bay. This Clean up event was staged with the support of Shoalhaven City Council and Clean Up Australia.

The focus of this action was the iconic rock ledge 'Big Beecroft' all access trails and 'Lobster Bay'

After a tenuous week checking weather forecasts daily the seas conspired, once again, to make it tough work for the ALBAA crew. The initial plan was to split up and cover the 'Outer Tubes' as well as the accessible area on the northern side of the peninsula. Unfortunately any ledge facing south or east for that matter would have been a complete wash out. Early Friday morning the decision was made to have a Friday night briefing at the Currarong Bowling Club. The ALBAA crew made it in at various times through the evening, largely on account of the distances travelled by some members to attend this event and give the 'Heart of LBG' some TLC. A great time was held by all but when the lights went out on an enthusiastic crowd the decision was made to relocate to the caravan park.

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Sunrise saw many that had pledged to fish that morning rise wearily from their slumbers and after a hearty camp breakfast a rejuvenated team assembled at Abrahams Bosom beach car park ready for business. Local Environmental Ranger, Robert Oke made a timely appearance to unlock the headland trail gates just before the motorcade assembled. Heading out to the Mermaids Inlet 'track head' a courteous group of anglers (notably missing fishing gear) even picked up a couple of hitchhikers. A novel ride in the 60 series Land Cruiser saw the pair delivered safely to Lobster Bay to check out the quality of break the big southerly swell would produce of the island.

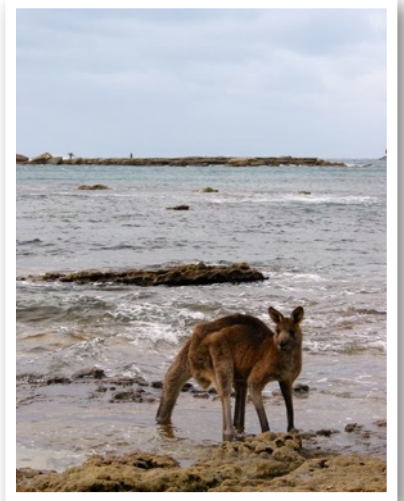
After parking the vehicles the team descended upon Big Beecroft. The Ledge was found in reasonable condition but with the sheer number of willing bodies not an unnatural scrap was left on the ledge, cliff face, or surrounding bush land. Once again several ancient gathering sites were located resulting in a sweep-stake being run on the vintage of brew consumed. Although a great outcome was achieved for this area it was taken fairly hard by certain members who couldn't get past the water colour, active bird life, big sea running past the ledge and their distinct lack of fishing gear!

With some members dragging their feet the crew made its way back up to the track head and the waiting motorcade before proceeding to stop number two Lobster Bay. While Lobster bay is not renowned for the sort of topography that suits Land Based Game fishing ALBAA members recognise these areas as playing an integral part in the eco system and biodiversity along the peninsula. On arrival the team ran into an old 'Roo' shin deep in the surf that seemed to be mesmerised by the Gortex wearing crew sporting white rubbish sacks. The old fella was sufficiently chuffed to pose for more than a couple of amateur photographers. The refuse collected in this area had very little to do with fishing and more pointedly indicated old campsites, some recent and some of considerable vintage. On returning to the vehicles, the old Cruiser once again found a couple of grateful surfers willing to share digs with a stack of rubbish bags. A quick trip back down the trail saw the three vehicles across the ford without incident and the gates promptly re-locked.

The refuse collected during this event was deposited in the council bins at the Currarong Beachside Tourist Park for proper disposal and the team regrouped for light refreshments and a debriefing.

ALBAA would like to extend its gratitude to Avalynne Wilby, Grant Astill, including their respective teams from Shoalhaven City Council and Clean up Australia for their assistance and continued support.

ALBAA would also like to thank its members for volunteering their time and



resources to attend this day and ensure that a brilliant outcome was achieved for Beecroft Peninsula.

Jervis Bay Team Leader.



ALBAA members Pete Oberg, Kurt Edwards and Christian Gough concluding the raffle.

Jervis Bay BBQ

The 'JB Big Bash' was great and a credit to those involved in organising it. The weather aside it was a great effort from those that travelled from as far afield as the Central Coast and Canberra to attend.

A big thank you to Rohit Lal (Dakau Rods) for kindly donating the rod blank and components for the raffle prize. We now have one happy female angler who will be giving the boys a run for their money when the weather warms up again. The raffle also raised some much needed funds for the association.

Special thanks goes to Ron and Lynn Field from the Currarong Beachside Tourist Park for making their facilities available for the event and ensuring the troops had warm bed to retire to at the end of the day. Ron and Lynn also got behind the Ledge Care cause and helped out with a group booking! A great event, well enjoyed by all.



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Well its been on my mind all week within a world where I need 10 extra hours every day, and, after doing 18 hour days for the past three days Damo and I bit the jew bug and went for a bash. Today felt right, looked seemingly Ok, tides, moon and weather looked the goods. A brief coastalwatch camera check even raised the hackles on my neck.

A quick phone call to Damo and we both called work quits, cancelled appointments and the like and were off by 2:00pm heading for coastal waters.

This was the second trip after a Jewfish this year, the first only being two months ago where I was rewarded with a nice little fella to get me off the mark.

We struggled our way to the spot and within seconds disaster looked imminent. There was no gutter, there was no abating sea, there was no sand where it should have been, and there definitely was the entire worlds supply of weed from one end of the beach to the other as far as we could see. Not just any weed, but every single type of weed imaginable, and it even went out as far as you could possibly ever hope to cast.

We sat and had a drink attempting to hide our emotions, then calmly started rigging up some rods. There wasn't the usual urgency to get a bait in the water like normal, and the first baits didn't hit the water until 5:00pm. The first weed

fish was washed ashore in a matter of minutes, closely followed by a dozen other. It looked hopeless. There were no open areas to cast, and there definitely was no hope of not having the raging current drag weed onto the line. The sea even started to build and the predicted 1.7 metre sea was simply, at times, appearing to be double that.

A nice little sit back up with the gear had us calmly wiping sweat from our brows, and it was time for a quick beer.

Energised, pumped again, and with a



new vigour not seen before with such a dismal outlook, we hit the baits once more. The light was now fading, and we happened to spot an opening up the beach with what appeared to be little or no weed. We flew over to investigate, hopes rising, faster than we could run.

The first couple of baits even had bites, and with that a reasonable bite that ripped off half a squid head. Side by side we soldiered, and then a nice fresh slimey fillet (compliments of the tubes only 4 days prior) was hammered on my 30 pound fireline. A second of good weight and then nothing...Damn... missed it..

Time for a squid head again...and I cast it to the exact spot where I had extracted the hit.....but nothing. Not even a picker, and the weed was starting to reappear.

I wound in frantically and produced my secret weapon which just happened to be a nice fresh, but frozen rock hard salmon fillet strip. Hooked once through the tip out it went, a bit more to the left this time to avoid the encroaching weed, right next to Damo, who had been having

his own frustrations. It was now 5:50pm. We stood as soldiers within arm distance discussing the events unfolding and then I had a peck on the bait, "Damo, I just had a bite"then whack away she goes, and wouldn't you know it straight through the damn weed.

Five more minutes of frustration fighting the mother load of weed and one very angry Jewfish, and we washed up a tired but beaten little 8kg Jewfish.

Ten seconds later the hook falls out!

The weed moved in, the sea got worse, we did however still manage to miss another little one among the weed mess, and we gave up hope by 7:00pm. We fished until 8.30 having the world championship weed challenge, then packed up for the 2 and a half hour trip home.

Two nice little Jewies, from two trips this year and 100% happy.

Peter Oberg, ALBAA Public Officer

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ALBAA Fishing Records

The ALBAA committee would like to congratulate and welcome Chris Grant aboard as our new Club Recorder. Chris has done a fantastic job getting the capture claim sheets up and has been working with ANSA NSW to ensure that our association members are aware of the rules regarding ALBAA and ANSA records.

The 'Capture Claim' forms are now available for download on the website. Thanks Chris!

Tech Talk.

ALBAA Technical and Graphics Teams have been hard at work redeveloping the Club website to meet a growing demand in interest surrounding our Association. The website will support ALBAA projects, such as; Ledge Care, The Graveyard and provide information updates on the clubs commitment to Safety and ALBAA training programs.

The new site will also provide an archive of press releases, submissions and newsletters that will be downloadable in Pdf format.

Graphically the site will incorporate member pictures and news feeds to Club developments.

The member forums are also currently being reorganised to make them easier to navigate and to provide a positive user experience.

ALBAA would like to thank its Tech Team for volunteering their time to ensure that our Association is represented in the smartest possible fashion.

The Site developments are now complete so get in there and check it out!

Membership - How to join ALBAA?

ALBAA club membership is now open; this association has been built for the benefit of Land Based fishers Australia wide. If you wish to join please familiarise yourself with our Objectives and Code of Conduct. Our objectives are not just a pre-requisite to form a club but are representative of the ideals we commit to as individuals and as an Association.

Australian Land Based Fishermen have a proud history of innovation, resilience and dedication; the time has come to add collective responsibility to this statement and ensure these iconic areas remain open for generations to come.

For membership information visit www.albaa.com.au alternatively contact Peter Oberg on 04 27 497 011 or email public.officer@albaa.com.au



ALBAA Secretary Matt 'Blue' Selwyn with a fine NT Longtail.

Northern Blues

ALBAA club secretary Matt (Blue) Selwyn has been making the most of the change of season in the Northern Territory. After heading down to his local 'rock ledge' looking for a brawl with some of the larger local GT population Blue ran into this speedster. Weighing in at 10kg this Long Tail tuna made short work of the big 'blooper' and headed for the horizon. Unfortunately for the tuna the gear was more than a match, designed for pulling big GT's out of dodgy territory (land based) the custom Hastings rod, matched with a Diawa Saltiga 4500H running 40lb braid over a 60lb trace allowed more than enough breathing room for our secretary to have a bit of fun! The irony is that Blue has spent a considerable amount of time over the last year or two in an effort to work these fish out and consistently take them on spun metals. Well done Blue! This just goes to show that once you break the duck the runs flow freely!

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What's next for ALBAA?

It's been a busy time here at ALBAA but the team isn't taking a break for the off season. As you have read in the previous pages we have rolled through a huge workload in recent months establishing the 'Ledge Care' initiative and Jervis Bay Marine Park submission. The good news is that the work has been done and the foundations have been laid to make these type of projects a matter of course in the future.

The committee has now turned its attention inward to sort a few projects that have been on the back burner.

Here at ALBAA we are the first to recognise our members contributions to the 'Ledge Care' initiative, with this in mind ALBAA will be investigating funding opportunities to ensure that those attending have the necessary tooling and equipment.

Sponsorship opportunities will also be investigated with a view to providing door prizes for members attending events and individual's performance awards.

The ALBAA records and bench mark ANSA records are also in the process of being formatted for the members forums with a view to being eventually published on the website. This will enable those members and visitors to the site to see the quality of Game fish that our members spend countless hours chasing each season.

The Booderee Management Plan is also up for review later this year. As those within the association would know we have some concerns surrounding the current plan so in typical ALBAA fashion we will endeavour to work with the Park management to prevent these type of conflicts occurring in the future.

The Graveyard and Historical projects have been given a boost lately with some of the LBG pioneers visiting the forums and getting involved. For those that haven't been able to check into the club house regularly now might be a good time!

'Locked drags not gates'

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- Communication
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All material contained within this publication has been authorised for release by the ALBAA Committee.

We would like to thank those members whom contributed for their time and effort.

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