

President's Report January 2012

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and New Year and were able to catch up with family and friends. Pam and I managed to get to Bendigo to catch up with our son Rohan and friends we have not seen for a while. We as we all were expecting friends to come up and stay on after the New Year however unfortunately all this was halted thanks to Covid once again.

Eden was booming with Christmas crowds, accommodation places full and business doing well but unfortunately this was short lived due to border lockdowns with Victorians again having to make a quick exodus which is just another kick in the guts to our town and surrounding towns.

The ever-changing restrictions prompted the committee along with our Major Sponsors to review the impact recent events may have on this year's competition and whether we should go ahead? The Sponsors, Committee, and Members present after lengthy discussions, **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO GO AHEAD.**

Thanks to the changes we have made to the format of this year's competition and with a greater focus on online registrations, also sponsorship donations were again coming in from local businesses which is greatly appreciated, the committee believed our major focus was that we can still run a successful competition and adapt when necessary. We also Believed that we all need something positive to look forward to.

So, for all those people who have been contacting me Our 43rd Annual Fishing Competition **IS ON** and the Major Boat Package Prize this year is a ripper!

As we all know there is a huge amount of work that goes into organising our competition and I would like to sincerely thank Pam and Val for their tireless efforts not forgetting the other committee and members that are doing their part with changing signage, putting up our competition banner, contacting sponsors, mowing and maintaining around the clubrooms.

The wonderful changes to our Fish Categories and Cash rewards are revealed later in this Newsletter and we expect our new look website be on line late this week.

With a bit of luck the weather should now start and improve so we can get back on the blue water and I can't wait to get a run of days with light winds so I can get out deep dropping with Wayne Emmerson to put some blue eye and ocean perch in the freezer. Reflected in Bob's fishing report there are fish about for those that make the effort and I have managed to get a feed of dusky's but unfortunately have had three trips on the whiting with no success.

I have coped some stick from one of our club members who keeps reminding me that his grand daughter is out fishing me for Sand Whiting. Therefore with much determination and some sound advice to fish lighter yesterday I manage eight nice sand whiting so after finishing this report I will be back out there.

So bye I'm going fishing !

Rob Schroeder

