

## Presidents report for year 2021/ 2022

The previous AGM was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2021. As Vice President I then took on the role as acting President due to the then current President Rob Schroder being unwell and was unable to fore fill his roll. May I take this opportunity to thank Rob for his excellent contributions during his rein as President. Much was accomplished during his tenure as President and wish him well for a full recovery in the future. If it were not for him (Rob) serving as President, the club would not be in the position we are today. On behalf of the committee Rob many thanks for your support for the club and assistance in guiding me. Continuing with that word “Thanks” The effort, the dedication, and the enthusiasm plus her innumerable hours she spends in getting everything perfectly right goes without saying.

I speak of Val Cartledge who also finds time to be a part of the Twofold Ladies Group as well. Thank you for your contribution, Val.

Fortunately, our committee have always been volunteers because if payment had to go to any committee member it would be our current secretary Pam. The time she spends working on behalf of all you members to get a newsletter out, collating information for a grant, writing the minutes, and it goes on & on. On top of this workload Pam is well under way in writing the full history of the club from the very beginning. I'd like to thank her for her devotion & enthusiasm in being our secretary and the assistance & backup she has given me personally during the past 12 months. To the remainder of the serving committee: Adam, Gordon, Kim, Terry

You have all played an important role in whatever has been asked of you & simply we wouldn't be where we are today without each of your input & sometimes, we don't agree on everything, but I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with each of you. Thank you, committee.

October 2021. So a new committee was elected, and all accepted their new rolls. No President was elected, Myself as V/President & Caterer, Pam as secretary, Val as Treasurer, Adam committee, Kim committee, Gordon as Weigh Master, Terry, and Rob Ross as a sub committee dealing with local council with relation to up grading the boat launching facilities and over seeing installation of new cleaning tables. Finally, the new cleaning tables were installed but caused many head aches for Terry & Bob so thank you to them for their persistence & winning against council bureaucracy.

A local quote was accepted by the committee to commence work on the building due from termite damage plus upgrade outside toilets. These are all now completed. A local termite pest controller was approached to quote into having bait stations placed around the building. These bait stations have also been installed. Covid has plagued everyone in some way. We as a club have also been impacted by this virus. Many EOM functions were canceled due to lack of response from members with Covid being a key contributor.

Planned weekends away also canceled again from lack of enthusiasm & Covid. One of the committee's biggest gripes is lack of response from members not informing us if attending or not attending a function. 99% get an email requesting information about an up coming event & Pam or myself are overwhelmed if we get back 12-

15% return from members. It just makes our workload even greater sending out additional reminders.

October 21 also seen our first Book Stall organized through Val's selling skills. An outstanding success that she has since arranged for several others to add to the bottom-line profits for the club. Well done Val.

October 21 also saw the completion of four extra surveillance camera's put into operation.

A weekend away was arranged to stay at Tathra caravan park. Although only about 10 members attended it was still a fun weekend & those attended enjoyed themselves.

Adam & I cut 3 trailer loads of wood so it could be raffled at several locations. Over \$1300 in tickets were sold on behalf of the club. Thanks to Emma & Josh for the donation of wood from there block.

A request was received from Eden's Essci group asking for the use of our premises & catering arrangements. Committee agreed in writing to have Essci have their monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month & supply catering menu's for 20 persons at \$15.00 p/head. Earlier this year it was agreed upon by both parties to increase the cost to \$20 a head with a minimum of 20 persons giving the club \$400 monthly less catering costs.

November. A decision was made by the committee to run with a 3 day fishing comp in place of the 8 day comp of previous years. Even with the reduced days & reduced prize money the local sponsors gave their

support. In no time all fish were covered so the event took place and giving the club a small profit.

A grant of \$94,959 was applied for from DPI for major works to our car park. Unfortunately, we were only notified recently that our application was unsuccessful. A mower was kindly donated to the club by John & Di Mutch and special thanks to Adam who regularly brings down his ride on to cut the grass. November also included our clubs annual Christmas dinner. The rooms decorated for the occasion, the tables set, everyone received a Chris Kringle gift and a most enjoyable time was had by all with entertainment provided by Steve Mahoney. If I can take this opportunity to thank my wife Sue for her assistance in setting up the rooms prior to any club event including the Essci dinners.

December 2021. I believe this was the first time our club had been hired for a wedding breakfast by a non-member. This event went so well that the same family have booked it again for a daughter's wedding reception later this year.

Work inside the club is completed and the last payment made to the builder who renovated our club rooms. A grant of \$2000 is approved to the club from NSW Gone Fishing Day. This money is yet to be used & we have notified the appropriate persons of our intentions to utilize these monies for a later date.

January 2022. Our annual seafood night was held with 33 in attendance. This night in the past was a must attend function with numbers in the 80's. I'm unsure why the lack of response from members when you can eat as much prime seafood for \$20 plus sweets. Maybe its

my cooking. It was agreed that everyone including volunteers pay the \$20 due to the high costs incurred for seafood. Work commenced on the outside toilets & were completed by late February. Termites are discovered again outside next to bait stations. Pest control company dealt with it.

February. A weekend at Beem River was booked for members in April as a social outing. The newsletter asks for assistance with the 3day comp from all members. Secretary receives 1 response. EOM function canceled due to lack of responses. 3 New fish cleaning boards are installed as a trial at boat ramp.

March. A Sunday morning breakfast was held at the club to see if members would be interested in something different. 16 members attended. Beem River weekend is cancelled due to lack of numbers plus an inclement weather pattern emerging. A 3-day mini comp commences. Rob Schroeder takes charge while the 3day comp is running. Entries slow to commence with but improved during the comp. Excellent response from all local sponsors indicating the support for the fishing comp to continue. Final day of comp saw around 200 people arrive for a bbq lunch of sausages & onion in bread. The presentation ran smoothly and was kept to a time limit with all prizes awarded by 3pm. Overall a successful limited competition. Again, my thanks to the committee & volunteers assisting throughout that time.

April. Committee discussed the fishing comp for 2023 in its regular format. A review of the number of categories, species is also to be considered in terms of sponsorship

funds. It was agreed that having a boat as a major prize is a huge draw card.

May. The fish boards at the tables have been found to be warping. Men's shed have agreed to strengthen all remaining boards at no cost. Email sent to Bega council regarding damage to the knock rail on floating pontoon. EOM function went ahead thanks to Pam's pizza with only 12 attending. It was decided that regardless of how many attend EOM events it will still go ahead instead of cancelling each month. Letters went out to corresponding clubs for a date to hold the grudge match. A brochure was designed by Pam to promote our club more to the general public. Some locals are not aware we even exist. Letter box drops etc.

June. No meetings held as many were away.

July. A lot of interest from different groups in the hiring of our facilities for several dates up until the end of year. Grudge match to go ahead on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022. As we are hosting this event and so not to embarrass our club with lack of members attending, I encourage everyone to make the effort to participate in that weekend. Memberships have been steadily coming in. We lost one of our former Vice Presidents & committee person Mr. Ken Neath. Due to poor health Ken was not able to attend many of our functions in his later years. Both Ken & Joyce supported our comp by encouraging the younger fisherman with cash for the best effort in juniors who exceeded above and beyond in the art of fishing. Whatever your feelings were for Ken he was one not to mince words and put his money where his mouth was. He supported the club by buying

a book of raffle tickets and on many occasions would win only to donate back some of his prizes. The ceiling fans above your heads were donated and installed with Ken bearing all the costs. Our condolences to Joyce and her family. No July EOM held as only 4 members notified me of their intentions, so I cancelled the evening.

August/September 22.

A committee meeting held in September made the decision to hold an 8-day fishing competition from the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March 2023 with the major prize being a Mad Dog boat. The comp will stay at \$50,000 in prizes and the entry of \$50 for adults and kids \$5 will remain. The committee believes the majority of our members support this decision but, we can only achieve this with members helping from now to the final day because there are insufficient committee members to take on the work load themselves.

We need your assistance no matter how minor. The catch cry of “we always get through” doesn’t cut the mustard anymore. The committee needs your assistance prior to the lead up no matter how small it maybe and naturally on presentation day.

## OVERVIEW.

The club is in a good financial position currently

Lack of members supporting club activities

Great response & reaction through Face Book promoting the club.

Having a Calendar of Events in Newsletters informing members

The hiring of our premises has added to our bottom line.

Having the support of local sponsors.

May I now hand over to !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!