

NEW SOUTH WALES FISHING CLUBS ASSOCIATION **INC.**

The NSW Fishing Clubs Association Inc. is proud to host the forthcoming Australian Anglers Association 32nd National Championships and Convention in the year 2011.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE'S MISSION STATEMENT:

Our Organising and Planning Committee's Mission Statement "to provide the competitor with the best fishing opportunities available within our area i.e. the event to be set at the prime fishing time for this section of the coast; venue in a town large enough to have all facilities but small enough so that everything is at the competitor's finger tips; an abundance of reasonably priced rental accommodation (3 bedroom \$300-\$500 pw) cottages and flats with parking for boats; the majority within walking distance of the up-market headquarters which can provide excellent facilities for both competitors and social members".

The Committee has fulfilled its mission by choosing the beachside township of South West Rocks for the venue.

The Headquarters for the event will be the South West Rocks Country Club a modern up-market club. Within the grounds of the club an excellent area will be set aside as the Weigh-in venue which takes advantage of the natural gently sloping grassed area for easy observation of the weigh-in tables, in case of rain a more than adequate undercover area is available. The surrounding streets and club parking areas will provide adequate safe parking for vehicles with attached boats basically within sight of the weigh in area. Our huge NSWFCA outside Scoreboard will be erected adjacent to the weigh-in to provide competitors and onlookers alike with a daily upgrade of the progress of the Championships.

HOW TO GET TO SOUTH WEST ROCKS & WHAT IS AVAILABLE:

Situated basically halfway between Sydney and Brisbane, access is via the Pacific Highway, leaving the highway at three points once within the Kempsey Shire Council area –at Kempsey, travel can be down either side of the mighty Macleay River some 40 kms to South West Rocks. Those travelling from the North can take two much shorter alternate routes from the Pacific Highway either at Clybucca over the Jerseyville Bridge or the Smithtown turnoff over the Smithtown Bridge.

All transport services are available to this area - daily Coach, Train and Air services to/from Sydney and Brisbane. Hire vehicle services are also available.

South West Rocks has a permanent population of some 5,000 with that population swelling considerably during the Christmas and Easter holiday seasons.

The township is well equipped to cater for our Convention, within the precincts of the CBD an adequate and good shopping centre with the usual chemists, doctors, newsagency, hotel, supermarket, butchers, ladies wear, café, restaurants, motor mechanics, marine mechanics, an excellent fishing tackle and bait shop, Charter Boat operators, Estuary Hire boats etc. A regional shopping centre is situated on the outskirts of "the Rocks" where

Bi-Lo (Coles) supermarket is located. The Macleay River Fishermen's Co-operative is situated at Jerseyville about 10 kms on the South West Rocks/Kempsey road. A large shopping centre services the regional town of Kempsey.

For the non competing visitors there will be plenty to occupy their time, the Country Club's facilities include Bowling greens, adjoining Golf Course and Tennis Courts, Swimming pool as well as the usual "in house" facilities. Our Social Committee will also be arranging bus tours and days out etc. like visits to the "Old Goal" and museum situated on Lagers Point, near Arakoon. The Macleay area has plenty of "tourist type" attractions – wineries, shopping in Kempsey, Akubra factory, avocado/banana plantations Restaurants etc. abound in the area. Visit the small townships of Gladstone and Smithtown, Crescent Head famous as a "Surfies" paradise and Hat Head the "fishermen's paradise" - take a day trip "up river" to Willawarrin, Bellbrook and enjoy scenic hinterland touring of our rain forests. Visit Slim Dusty's birthplace or the "Pub with no Beer" written by the Macleay's Shorty Ranger about a local pub.

ACCOMMODATION:

You name the quality of accommodation you need and South West Rocks can provide same!

HOLIDAY COTTAGES, VILLAS, UNITS, MOTELS ETC.

At least four Real Estate agencies are situated within the town catering for holiday bookings, Rocks Real Estate, 15 Livingstone Street, 02-6566-6999; Elders Real Estate South West Rocks, 12 Prince of Wales Ave., 02-6566-6666; LJ Hooker, 2 Gregory Street, 02-6566-6313 and Raine & Horne South West Rocks, 1/11 Prince of Wales Ave., 02-6566-6116. Within your "show bag" you will find booklets from each of these agencies. "Low Season" rates will apply for the period of our Convention. Unfortunately regulations forbid actual firm bookings & deposits being taken earlier than 12 months ahead but I have spoken to all agents and have come to an arrangement whereby "preliminary bookings" can be made to secure a property whilst you are here in Wallaroo. Please see Margaret Riddel to discuss same and record your name and property preference for further contact with the particular agent. Formal bookings with deposits will have to be finalised July 2010.

HOLIDAY TOURIST PARK ACCOMMODATION:

Within the grounds of the Old Goal is located an excellent Caravan/Camping Park with a highly classified Café/Restaurant overlooking Trial Bay and the township.

A further three tourist parks are located at South West Rocks -

1. Horseshoe Bay right in town, off Livingstone Street,
2. On the Old Entrance Road, on the way to the entrance to the Macleay River, where the second hotel/tavern is located overlooking the river.
3. Situated at Arakoon on the way to the "Old Goal"

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES:

ESTUARY:

The Estuary Championships will be confined to salt water species within the Macleay River system from the entrance to the Pacific Highway Bridge at Kempsey. Most of the fishing however will take place within about 10 kms. of the entrance. The river side (inside) of the two training walls at the mouth will be available for land based fisherpersons but will be “out of bounds” East of markers located on both sides of the river, for boat fishermen (for safety reasons).

Prominent species available in July/August will be Bream, Mulloway, Tailer, Luderick, Pike, Garfish, Mullet with a sprinkling of Australian Salmon (large) Flathead, Winter Whiting, Flounder, Drummer (from the rock breakwalls) and maybe even a Mangrove Jack or two. As well as The Entrance boat ramp there are many boat ramps located within the river system at various points.

OFF-SHORE:

For the Off-shore people Boat Ramps are situated at Back Creek (right in town); on the Macleay River at the New Entrance opposite the Tavern. At this stage some consideration may be given to also include the boat ramp at Hat Head, if this comes to pass a nomination/stamp out facility would be available at Hat Head for only the Off-shore events.

What a fishing bonanza this area is – mainly from Grassy Head (north of the Macleay entrance) off Smoky Cape and to Hat Head. The reefs are located close to the coastline and are very accessible, add to this the Ocean current streams run close to the shore in this area of the coast.

Species : Kingfish, Dolphin Fish, Pearl Perch, Snapper, Cod, Morwong, Trevally, Flathead, Tailor, Bream, Mulloway, Mackerel, Bonito, Sweep, Snook, Slimy Mackerel, Sampson fish, Cobia, Yellowfin Tuna, Groper, Drummer are only some of the species available. If you are extremely lucky you may even hook up with an odd Marlin.

Adequate Charter Boats will be available for competitors who do not have access to an off-shore boat.

ROCK & BEACH:

No decision has been made as to the actual Rock & Beach boundaries but at this stage a boundary from where the sand meets the Southern side of the “New Entrance” Breakwall south towards Port Macquarie is envisaged.

Again unbelievable fishing opportunities - long stretches of golden beaches, headlands dotted between to give an opportunity to “tuck into a corner” regardless of which way the wind and sea is prevailing.

Smoky Cape beach from the Smoky Cape Lighthouse back to Hat Head (19 kms), Hungry Beach from Hat Head to Crescent Head, Back Beach at Crescent Head to the Racecourse Headland, thence small beaches in the Point Plommer area and from Queens Head at Point Plommer back to where the sand meets the Northern Breakwall at Port Macquarie. There are smaller beaches dotted between the headlands which provide sheltered fishing spots in the corners of the beaches regardless of which way the winds/seas are running so alternatives are always available in case one spot is wiped out because of weather conditions. The headlands of course are also great fishing areas.

The Kempsey Shire Council and the Port Macquarie Council allow beach driving on designated beaches to those persons holding a Beach Permit for their 4WD vehicle. The two councils have an arrangement whereby the one permit covers both council controlled areas. Heavy fines are applicable to non permit holders or those persons not conforming to the Rules as set out in such permit.

SPECIES AVAILABLE:

Main targeted species off beach and/or rocks - Mulloway, Tailor, Bream, Drummer (Rock Blackfish), Luderick, Bonito, Flathead, Groper, Whiting, Australian Salmon, Garfish, Mullet, Dart, and Sweep. Species available from the Headlands can be Cobia and Tuna plus a variety of different Sub-tropical species which occasionally can be hooked.

Although there are NSW Fisheries limits set as to the number to be gathered legally, competitors will be able to gather pippies, worms, yabbies, cunje etc. from our beaches and estuaries.

CASTING GROUNDS:

The Kempsey Shire Council envisages having the new Boyters Lane Sporting Complex at South West Rocks completed by 2011 and if this is so, the Casting will take place at this venue. Otherwise there are alternative grounds available a little further afield.

WEATHER:

The weather conditions at this time of the year will be considered by our Southern Friends as mild, [July/August 2008 average low 10.5 high 19.5] but that said it can also be cold so layer clothing is suggested with a good quality raincoat and pants to keep off sea spray as well as rain.

South West Rocks is featured on Coastalwatch live Surf Cams – type in “Coastalwatch Surf Cams South West Rocks” this gives information on weather forecasts, air & sea temperatures, wind, swell as well as viewing of the area covered by the live cam i.e. from the Breakwall to Back Creek.

The Management Committee, Divisions & Clubs of the NSWFCA extend a personal invitation to you to consider competing at the 32nd Australian Anglers Association National Championships and Convention and keep up the traditions established at the 1st AAA held in 1951 at Hawks Nest (further down the coast from our 2011 venue).

A reminder -- although current registered membership of an appropriate association affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association is mandatory a competitor electing to fish in the Individual Sections of the AAA are advised that

STATE TEAM SELECTION IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO FISH IN THE INDIVIDUAL SECTION.

***COME'N "Go fish Australia" AND JOIN US AT
SOUTH WEST ROCKS IN 2011.***

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VENUE

**SOUTH WEST ROCKS
Mid North Coast, NSW.**

HEADQUARTERS

**SOUTH WEST ROCKS COUNTRY CLUB
BAY STREET, SOUTH WEST ROCKS.**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
26 JULY – 11 AUGUST 2011**

TUESDAY, 26 JULY
WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY
OFFICIAL OPENING
THURSDAY, 28 JULY
FRIDAY, 29 JULY
SATURDAY, 30 JULY
SUNDAY, 31 JULY
MONDAY, 1 AUGUST
TUESDAY, 2 AUGUST
WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST
THURSDAY, 4 AUGUST
FRIDAY, 5 AUGUST
SATURDAY, 6 AUGUST
SUNDAY, 7 AUGUST
MONDAY, 8 AUGUST
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REGISTRATIONS
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OFF-SHORE Round 1
ESTUARY Round 1
LAY DAY
OFF-SHORE Round 2
ROCK & BEACH Round 1
OFF-SHORE Round 3
LAY DAY
ESTUARY Round 2
ROCK & BEACH Round 2
LAY DAY
ESTUARY Round 3
CASTING
CASTING
ROCK & BEACH Round 3
PRESENTATION DAY & NIGHT