



# Recreational Fishing Alliance Of NSW Inc

Meeting Minutes  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Held at South Sydney AFA Clubrooms

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## 1. OPENING

The Chairman, Malcolm Poole welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 10 am.

## 2. ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance where:

Malcolm Poole, Stan Konstantaras, Joe Garufi, Radge Diakiw, Max Castle

Visitors:

John Burgess- ANSA NSW, Michael Chapman - Boat Owners Association of NSW

## 3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:

Mel Brown  
John Humphries  
Michael Hirst  
Peter Gibson

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes presented and moved that they be accepted by Stan K, seconded Joe G.

Stan noted that minutes of previous meetings are online and delegates and committee should access them this way.

Available at following link <http://rfansw.com.au/Meetings.html#minutes>

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

An expected outcome relating to the issue of the loss of conservation managers is about to be announced by the Ministers Office.

Bag limit review may occur after next election according to DII (Mar 2011), however advice from Ministers Advisers is that it may happen in 2010. It is due for review in 2010, however Minister may personally delay it until after the next state election.

Plan Of management for Prospect Catchment is happening – the catchment area is under control of NPWS. The RFA is still investigating the impacts with a view to open access for limited recreational angler usage. Max Castle is still trying to access the submissions of DII to these POM's as these submissions are put together by staff who are Trust Funded.

Response to Nelsons Lagoon POM has been received by Max Castle and he will attend a scheduled meeting with a view to revise the POM if needed.

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## 6. TREASURERS REPORT

Current Bank Balance is \$84,817.09

Stan K gave an overview of the current method of project reporting and the need to break up these funding streams into separate account.

John Burgess, as Auditor advised us of new operating procedure he had put in place with Paul Copper and suggested we follow this to simplify the auditing processes.

It was also suggested by Mal and John Burgess that we also have to look into potential GST reporting issues that may arise on future projects that involving the payment of a salary to staff. Currently all projects are volunteer controlled.

### **BUSINESS ARISING from Treasurers Report**

Nil

## 7. DELEGATES REPORTS

The delegates present were asked to provide an update/overview on their group's activities as a way of updating the other delegates and as a way to further gather support for issues if needed.

All groups reported that nothing much had changed since our last meeting.

## 8. AGENDA ITEMS

### 8a) Project Updates

1. Fishing Safety – Freshwater Safety DVD being before Christmas and work has begun on the Boating Safety DVD.
2. Successful application has been made to the Trust to run some more Rockfishing Safety Workshops. Project value is \$33K, which includes a \$3K RFA management fee. 5 workshops planned.
3. Mal Poole is finalising the Future Leaders final report for DAFF. There is still a \$7000 DAFF payment for our services outstanding.
4. Access Project was a success and the main thing is that we need some concrete outcomes from this such as strategies to maintain and regain access in NSW from our shrinking access to terrestrial and aquatic areas. We are still awaiting a final \$8000 final payment for the Access Forum from DAFF
5. Mal was making an application to FRDC for \$7250 to attend an Ecotourism Seminar with a Profession Fishing Guides and Instructors member.

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6. Discussions also occurred on the potential of a Crown Reserve Project initiated by the RFA of NSW. Mal gave an overview of his plan and will further develop it for submission.

**8b) Recfish, ACoRF and Trust Fund updates**

RECFISH – Max Castle gave an AGM Report.

All parties are waiting to see what happens with Minister Burke’s advisory committee.

Discussion all occurred in relation to the new national alliance being driven by industry and its implications to RECFISH.

Discussion also occurred in relation to a funding stream for RECFISH via a partially funded NSW Trust Fund application.

**8c) RFA Profile (Websites and Promotions)**

Joe Garufi gave an overview of his membership drive.

Peter Gibson is also continually working on making some modifications to the [www.safefishing.com.au](http://www.safefishing.com.au) website.

**8d) Presentation from Michael Chapman Boat Owners Association (BOA)**

Michael gave the RFA an overview on BOA and discussed its future.

**General Business**

- 9 RECFISHER** – Peter Gibson is doing a great job and RFA to continue sending out newsletter.

With no more general meeting the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.54 pm.

Stan Konstantaras  
RFA of NSW Secretary