

Do not worry if you are new to the club as taking on a committee position is a great way to get to know ANGFA.

• **Shop:** We still have a quantity of ANGFA caps on sale for \$10 each. These are very smart looking baseball style caps in maroon and gold with our new badge embroidered onto the peak. One size fits all.

A few new style club shirts have survived the plunder of the sales tables at the convention. In maroon and gold, these shirts are available in small through to extra large. Shirts cost \$25 each and are good quality material in the polo style.

• **Xmas Party:** Adrian has been working hard at organising the Christmas breakup party. This year it will be held at the Bar Jai Hall on Sunday the 18th of December.

Kicking off around midday there will be a roast on a spit with plenty of desert and soft-drinks, BYO alcohol. Live entertainment is also planned.

All of this for a bargain \$10 per person. Come and help us celebrate the closing of what has been a great year for ANGFA Qld.

• **National Convention:** Well it finally arrived. After 12 months of work the ANGFA National Convention was a great success. We came very close to our target of 100 attendees and what a crowd it turned out to be.

Everyone enjoyed a fun weekend of socialising with other fish keepers and listened to a total of 18 lectures and slideshows. Topics ranged from riparian - stream linkages to updates on fish-keeping technologies, displaying fish for public education to surveys of Cape York freshwater habitats.

World renowned naturalist Heiko Bleher put in an all to brief appearance. Enroute between Germany and Papua New Guinea he dropped in to discuss, in his own delightful style, his trip to Papua New Guinea directly after the Townsville Convention of 1993.

An exceptional slide show was presented by Gilbert Maebe and Franz-Peter of Germany on the history of the rainbowfish. While to cater for those not interested in "live bait" Alex Caughey talked about the myths and legends surrounding our mighty Murray Cod and John Merrick presented an interesting and often amusing discussion on Australian Fresh-water Crayfish.

The tasty morning and afternoon teas provided a brief respite for attendees to absorb what had been

course of fillets of Sole. Whilst the auction held immediately after dinner proved to be a riotous occasion, it still managed to raise nearly \$1,000 for the publication of "Fishes of Sahul".

Of course the National AGM was held on the Sunday morning, with close to 60 bleary eyed members in attendance. The main issue was the election of office bearers for 1995 which proceeded smoothly and resulted in the following committee.

<i>President</i>	Bruce Hansen
<i>Vice President</i>	Ian Michels
<i>Secretary</i>	Doug Collom
<i>Treasurer</i>	Peter Surmon
<i>International</i>	
<i>Liason Officer</i>	Neil Armstrong
<i>Membership</i>	Barry Meiklejohn
<i>Editorial Officer</i>	Ron Bowman
<i>Councillors</i>	Graeme Finsen
	Graham Heidke
	Adrian Dawson

Reports were heard from the various regional groups and Ron Bowman gave a presentation on the history of "Fishes of Sahul" and outlined future ideas.

Other business discussed included a motion from Steven Pyecroft to formulate a structure for Rob Wager's Native threatened fishes maintenance network. Steven Pyecroft also moved that regional groups should appoint delegates to the ANGFA National committee.

A big vote of thanks go to Kathy Wager and Aimee Brooks for their efforts in formulating and implementing the Fish Widows On Tour concept. All reports indicate a great time was had by all and it would be a terrific idea for future conventions to consider this concept.

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and ready themselves for what was still to be. Whilst the lunches proved to be a time of relaxation and comradeship.

Dinner on Saturday night was superb with enormous amounts of Pasta and Pizza before the main