



Photos: Leo O'Reilly

Tidings from the Treasurer

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G'day and welcome back to all our wonderful readers.

It's been a long time since the last edition, in fact, way too long. As readers will know, we were forced down to three editions of *Fishes of Sahul* in 2011. We hoped this was only a temporary situation but this is now the third year in a row that we have published only 3 editions per year (2009 – 2011). Long standing members will remember ANGFA had to revert to only publishing three editions per year in the years 1993 – 1999. We became practical about the situation back then, just as we are being practical about it now. When we have enough material, we publish the journal. We hold off publication until we do have enough material. This is a realistic approach, but it makes it difficult to anticipate when an edition will be ready for publication. Will it be October, November, December or January? Printing only three editions per year makes it difficult to plan a whole year in advance. As members, we have an expectation that our journal will arrive every 3 months. As the club's membership officer, we need certainty as to when renewal notices are sent out on time every December, and the Treasurer needs a reliable cash flow to ensure future finances (income and expenses) are equally matched. Not having sufficient material to fill the pages of our publications means their distribution is delayed until we do. Delays mean members are inconvenienced and the club's plans are disrupted. All in all, not really an acceptable situation.

Fishes of Sahul is our flagship publication. ANGFA has a proud tradition for being the association that provides a forum for like-minded members world-wide through our publications and through the internet. Our goal is to continue to be the premier association that facilitates the sharing of knowledge of the fishes of Sahul around the world. As a club, we are a genuine not-for-profit organisation and our tradition has always been to aim for a small profit or break-even so long as we covered the cost of our publications and covered the tiny cost of running this club. We are all volunteers

and gladly give our time for nothing, thereby keeping costs to a minimum. We have continued, sometimes at great personal cost, to maintain the high standards of our publications with up to date information about various aspects of the *Fishes of Sahul* that are interesting, new and relevant to all our readers. Those outside ANGFA are amazed at the generosity of so many of our members from around the world who contribute material to our publications. In fact they are surprised we produce such high quality publications and have done so consistently for nearly 30 years based purely on a tiny volunteer effort.

However, what we thought would only be a temporary situation, has turned out to be an on-going challenge and like all challenges it will be addressed. For the last three years we have found it difficult to fill the pages of *Fishes of Sahul*. In Sydney in 2009 we put it up for discussion at the Annual General Meeting and obtained excellent member feedback. Suggestions were received as to how we could solicit more future articles from members and friends. Using the Internet was also suggested as a way of avoiding delays. The theme continued at the AGM in Brisbane in 2011.

There is no question that seeking more contributions from a wider audience and using the Internet will provide a combination that will help ANGFA to address the challenges it faces with its publications. Your committee is deciding how best to meet the challenge and will very soon be announcing news concerning electronic distribution via the Internet. It is time for change and it is coming soon.

Annual General Meeting: The ANGFA AGM held in Brisbane Friday 21st October resulted in the election of our new President Leo O'Reilly. Our new Vice President is Glenn Briggs. Our secretary remains Natalie Everett with me remaining in the Treasurer role. Congratulations to the new committee and especially to the new faces - Leo and Glenn – we are fortunate to have such high calibre individuals well known within ANGFA circles.

ANGFA Convention Brisbane 2011: What an enjoyable convention, Brisbane was fantastic and lived up to its reputation as the Mecca of

ANGFA. It was great to meet up in person with over a hundred ANGFA members and friends. And we most whole-heartedly appreciate the financial success of the convention, because ANGFA QLD made an excellent profit and donated \$1905.03 to ANGFA National. The hard work is well worth it and we are very appreciative to all members for their support. Without you there would be no ANGFA. The next convention will be held in Melbourne in 2013 at a date to be confirmed. More information will follow.

Membership and Finances: The financial year finished on 30th June 2011 and details were provided in October at the AGM. As usual, our financial position produced a break even or modest profit of \$21.10. This was in line with our plan. We are especially pleased that membership numbers have remained over 300 since the GFC; membership at the end of year was 384. The "Multi Renewal" has been successfully bringing in new members to both ANGFA National (Fishes of Sahul) and each of the State ANGFA associations. Victoria and NSW have maintained their very high membership numbers and Qld had a surge in 2011. Overall, membership has been pleasing.

Renewal time: The 31st of December marked the end of a good membership year for ANGFA. We thank our members for the vote of confidence and look forward to this year being a time of change for the better for ANGFA. To those who joined us for the first time – welcome aboard. To renewing members – thank you. As usual, our membership starts all over again in 2012. If you need to renew, a renewal form is enclosed with your publications. To those who have not renewed yet; it is never too late. Just go to <http://www.angfa.org.au/membership.html>

There are several convenient methods of renewal:

- Snail mail use the reply paid envelope enclosed with the December edition of Fishes of Sahul to send your renewal details. No postage stamp required no matter where you reside in Australia or anywhere in the world.
- Internet Credit Card log onto the web site (www.angfa.org.au) to renew by credit card.

VISA and MasterCard accepted. Find the "membership" tab which is under the "About" button. Use the secure membership link

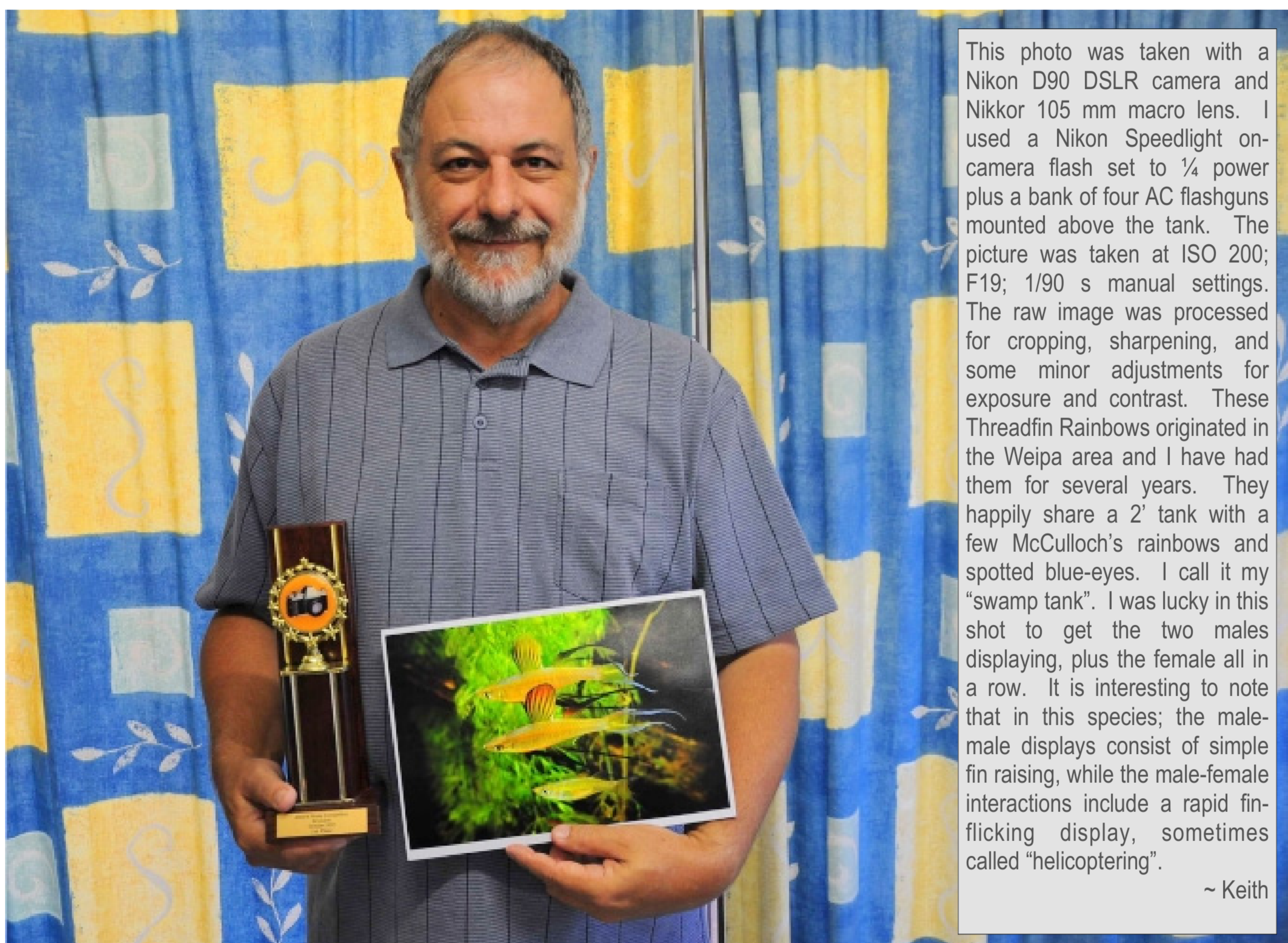
- Download membership form (PDF file) and snail mail it back to ANGFA PO Box 469, North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia. You'll find the membership form on the web site (www.angfa.org.au) in the "membership" tab under the "About" button.
- PayPal: a convenient payment method, make out your e-mail PayPal payment to membership@angfa.org.au. Australian currency please.
- Multi Renewal: conveniently enables you to join any and all of ANGFA National, ANGFA QLD, ANGFA NSW and ANGFA VIC. Use the "Multi Renewal" to pay once, join any or all. This is particularly useful if you want to join your local and national ANGFA groups. Only one payment is required, thereby saving you time and trouble and saving ANGFA several hundred dollars in postage and handling costs. You are welcome to use the reply paid envelope to return the "Multi Renewal" as soon as you can.

Our Publications: Fishes of Sahul and ANGFA News continue to maintain their high standards with up to date information about various aspects of the Fishes of Sahul that are interesting, new and relevant to all our readers. We continue to receive contributions from members from Australia and around the world. We need this to continue. We value the efforts of each and every contributor to Fishes of Sahul and we aim to make all authors feel proud of what they contribute to the journal. So please contribute when you can. Both Rudie Kuitert (Fishes of Sahul) and Matthew Stanton (ANGFA News) would love to hear from as many members as possible. You'd be surprised at how easy it can be to put words together and submit to one of our editors (rudiekuitert@optusnet.com.au or NewsEditor@angfa.org.au). Or send to me (ttucceri@tpg.com.au)



▲ *Iriatherina weneri* - Winning photograph in ANGFA 2011 Convention competition

▼ Keith Martin with Trophy



This photo was taken with a Nikon D90 DSLR camera and Nikkor 105 mm macro lens. I used a Nikon Speedlight on-camera flash set to ¼ power plus a bank of four AC flashguns mounted above the tank. The picture was taken at ISO 200; F19; 1/90 s manual settings. The raw image was processed for cropping, sharpening, and some minor adjustments for exposure and contrast. These Threadfin Rainbows originated in the Weipa area and I have had them for several years. They happily share a 2' tank with a few McCulloch's rainbows and spotted blue-eyes. I call it my "swamp tank". I was lucky in this shot to get the two males displaying, plus the female all in a row. It is interesting to note that in this species; the male-male displays consist of simple fin raising, while the male-female interactions include a rapid fin-flicking display, sometimes called "helicoptering".

~ Keith



▲ Gary Lange (Guest Speaker from USA)

▼ The “Godfather” (Heiko Bleher)





▲ The Golden Oldies

▼ The Displays





▲ The Dinner

▼ The Selling





▲ The Venue

▼ The Gathering





▲ The Brothers O'Reilly

▼ Another Gathering

