

river has a fearsome reputation to communities in the top end as apparently the most crocodile infested river in Australia, however its reputation was as awesome to us for a different reason.

Everyone scrambled out to enjoy, explore and exhilarate. Neil Armstrong's face was a picture of joy. While Syd entertained some unsuspecting travellers with anecdotes from his past, Adrian donned snorkel and goggles and became absorbed in the underwater paradise. Apart from the endemic tri's he was rewarded with a 10 inch Coal grunter venturing amongst the roots of a Pandanus by the bank.

We all took photos whilst the indelible memories of this beautiful place engraved themselves upon our minds. Crystal clear water tumbling over mossy rocks, tranquil backwaters with schools of crimson Rainbowfish flashing in the sunlight, overhanging Eucalypts and Melaleucas and that magical feeling of "somewhere special".

| Goyder River crossing Survey    |                                    |
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| Craterocephalus stercusmuscarum | Fly-specked hardyhead              |
| Glossamia aprion                | Mouth almighty                     |
| Hephaestus fuliginosus          | Sooty grunter                      |
| Hephaestus carbo                | Coal grunter                       |
| Leiopotherapon unicolor         | Spangled perch                     |
| Melanotaenia trifasciata        | Banded Rainbowfish (Goyder R) var. |

All too soon time constraints forced us to depart. Water testing revealed pH 8.2, TDS 190 and temperature 23½°C, and the only aquatic plants recognised were a calcareous form of Nitella, a green wavy Aponogeton and algae. It was fitting that the Goyder was the last and the most memorable highlight of our fish lovers adventure through Arnhemland. After that the long dusty, degenerating road on to Bullman and back to the relative civilisation of the "rest" of

the Northern Territory was somewhat of an anticlimax.

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Fishes of New Guinea

- review Bruce Hansen

Author: Ian S.R. Munro  
Details: 651pp plus  
78 pp of black & white plates and  
6 coloured plates

Published in 1967, (by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, New Guinea), this book was the first attempt to detail all the fish fauna of New Guinea in one volume. The author has drawn on the collections and literature from France, Britain, Germany, Holland, America, Switzerland, Italy and Australia to produce this monumental field guide with identification as its main aim, achieved through a series of keys and plates.

The fish are described by Class, Order, Family, Genus and Species with a brief description of each plus size, general distribution and habitat. This is a giant step forward on previously available, fragmented information. Altogether 1096 species are covered.

Naturally the nomenclature for Rainbowfish and Blue-eyes, and the range of species covered is outdated now but historically this is a very important "Fishbook" to anyone interested in fishes of our region.

## CLUB NEWS

• **QFAS:** The 1994 Pet & Hobby Expo is again being organised by the Queensland Federation of Aquarium Societies and is scheduled for the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

This years expo will include a caged bird spectacular, sponsored by Golden Cob, and currently there are 3,000 birds to be displayed.

ANGFA will again be asking club members to consider displaying fish in the annual competition, as well as helping out on the club stand and donating some spare moments to help out the QFAS organisers.

Once again we will be trying to win the coveted award for best club display. Competition is expected to be hot this year with the Aquarium & Terrarium Society making a forceful comeback. If we can steal the show it will be for the third year running, an auspicious record and a credit to us all.

• **Newsletter:** Club members are encouraged to write articles for our newsletter, any contribution, small or large would be appreciated.

Bruce Hansen is probably suffering writers cramp by now, though he must be congratulated for his consistent efforts, always of high quality. However if any other members have any literary aspirations it may save this editors eyesight, (it is true about Doctors writing).

### The Committee

- Anon

Oh, give me your pity,  
I'm on the committee  
Which means that from morning to night,  
We attend, and amend,  
contend and defend  
Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer, and concur,  
we defer and demur  
And re-iterate all of our thoughts,  
We revise the agenda  
and frequent addenda,  
And consider a load of reports.

We compose and propose,  
we suppose and oppose,  
And the points of procedure are fun,  
But though various notions  
are brought up as motions,  
There's terribly little gets done.

We resolve and absolve,  
but never dissolve,  
Since it's out of the question for us,  
What a shattering pity  
to end our committee  
Where else could we make such a fuss?