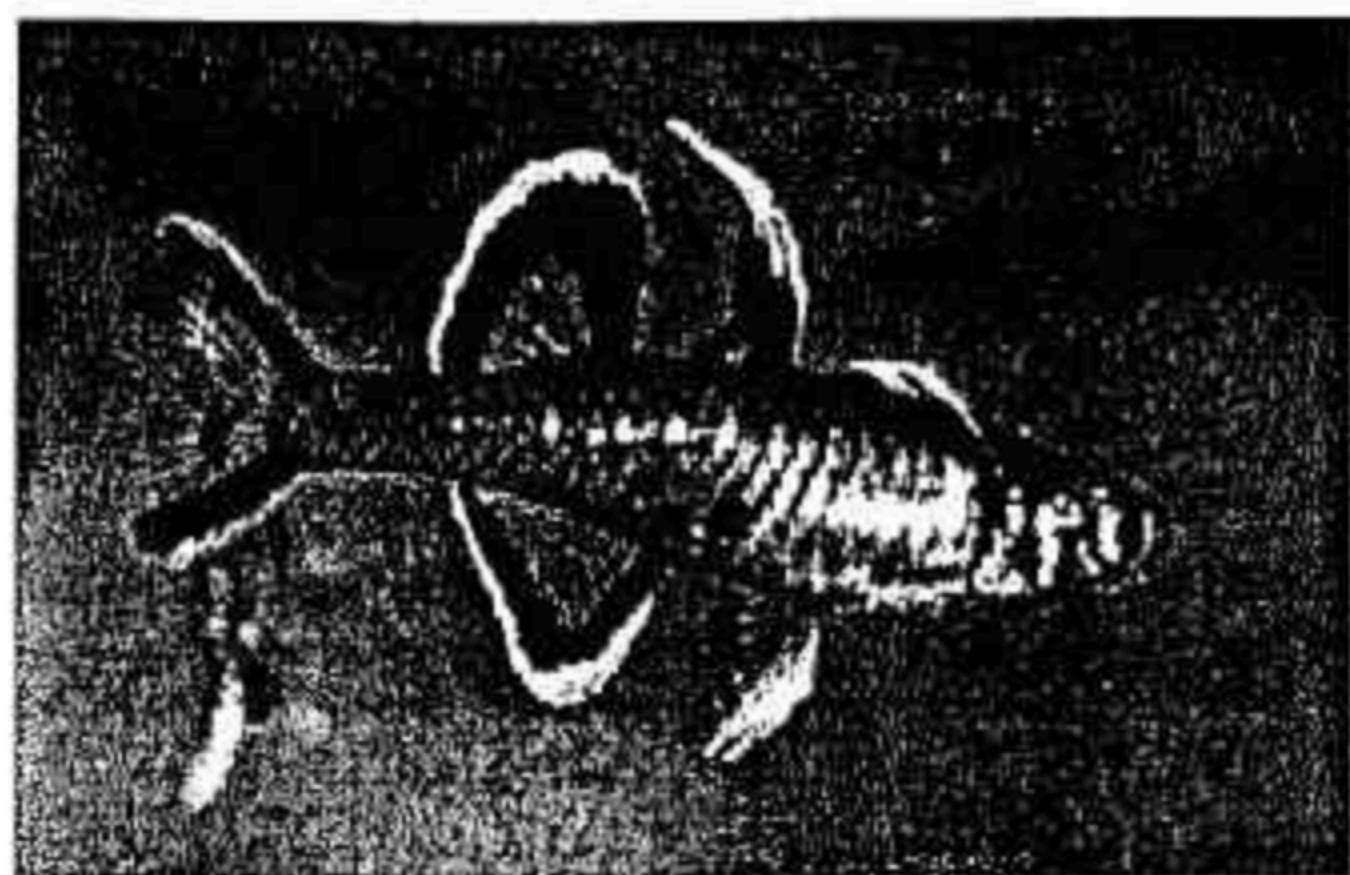
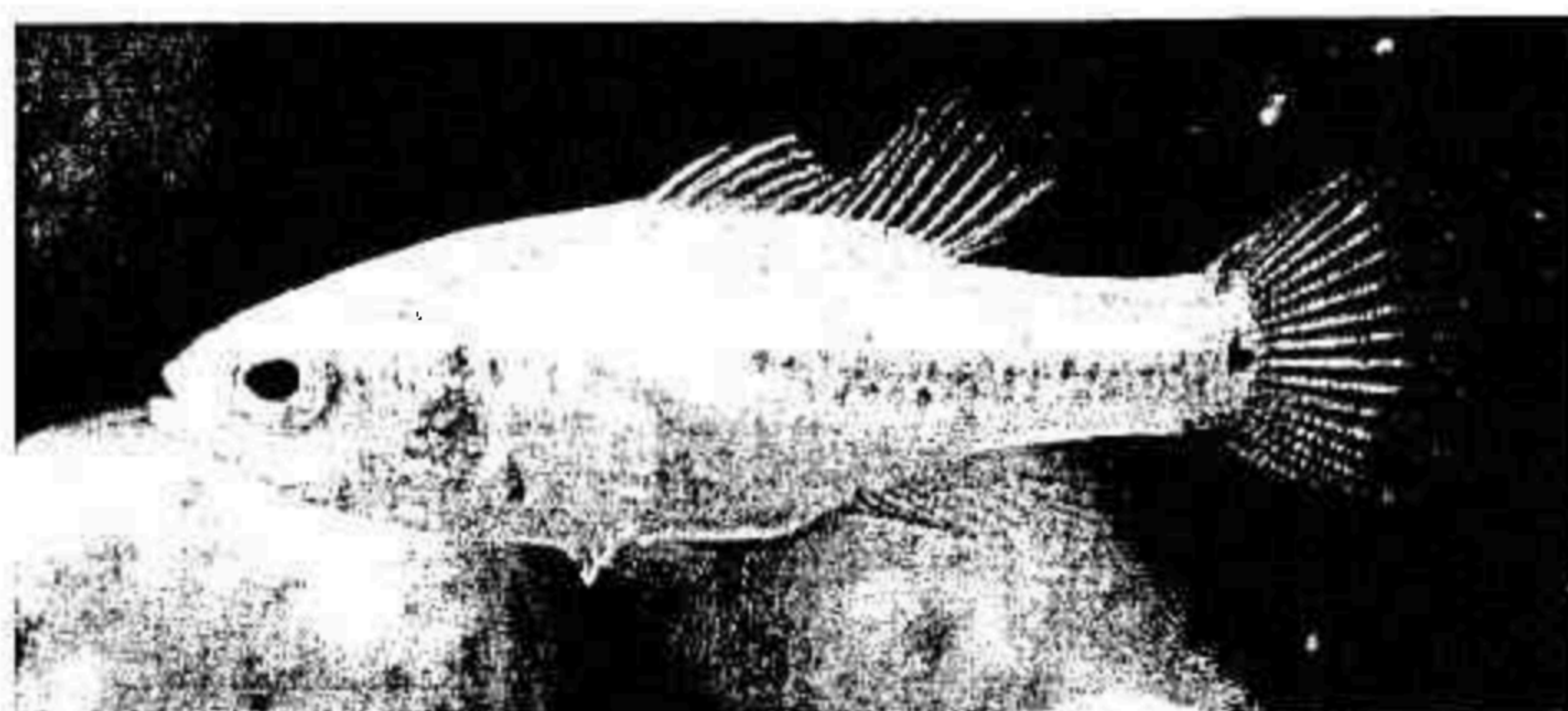




Honey Blue-eye



Oxleyan Pigmy Perch

Marcus Creek supports three acid frogs, the Wallum Froglet *Crinia tinnula*, the Cooloola Tree Frog *Litoria Cooloolensis* and the Wallum Tree Frog *L. olongburensis*, two of which have been listed for their conservation significance.

Marcus Creek is also unusual in being one of only four systems known to support populations of the vulnerable fish species, Oxleyan Pigmy Perch *Nannoperca oxleyana* and the Honey Blue-eye *Pseudomugil mellis*. Both Marcus and Castaways Creek support populations of the Ornate Rainbowfish *Rhadinocentrus ornatus*, which is a potentially threatened species.

The Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage have listed the Oxleyan Pigmy Perch as endangered and the Honey Blue-eye and the Ornate Rainbowfish as vulnerable since 1992. They go on to define endangered as:

Species in danger of extinction or where survival in the wild is unlikely if threatening processes continue.

and vulnerable as:

Species whose survival in the wild is vulnerable if threatening processes continue.

Both the Department of Environment and Heritage and the Noosa Council's expert environmental consultants have said that the Marcus high dune heath area must be conserved in its entirety. Allowing any percentage to be developed will inevitably lead to degradation of conserved areas.

A decision on the future of Marcus Shores now rests with the State Government who will be making a decision shortly. Premier Goss and his government need to know that the public do not want development on this environmentally important land.

Please write to the Premier asking his government:

1. to endorse the principles contained within the Noosa Council Draft Development Control Plan for zero development which was unanimously endorsed by all Noosa Councilors, and
2. to implement the Draft Development Control Plan by exercising the resumption powers available under the terms of the TM Burke lease and/or to take whatever means are necessary for the protection of this land by the State Government for the people of Queensland.

The Premiers address is:

The Hon. Wayne Goss MLA
Premier of Queensland
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100 George St
Brisbane Qld 4000

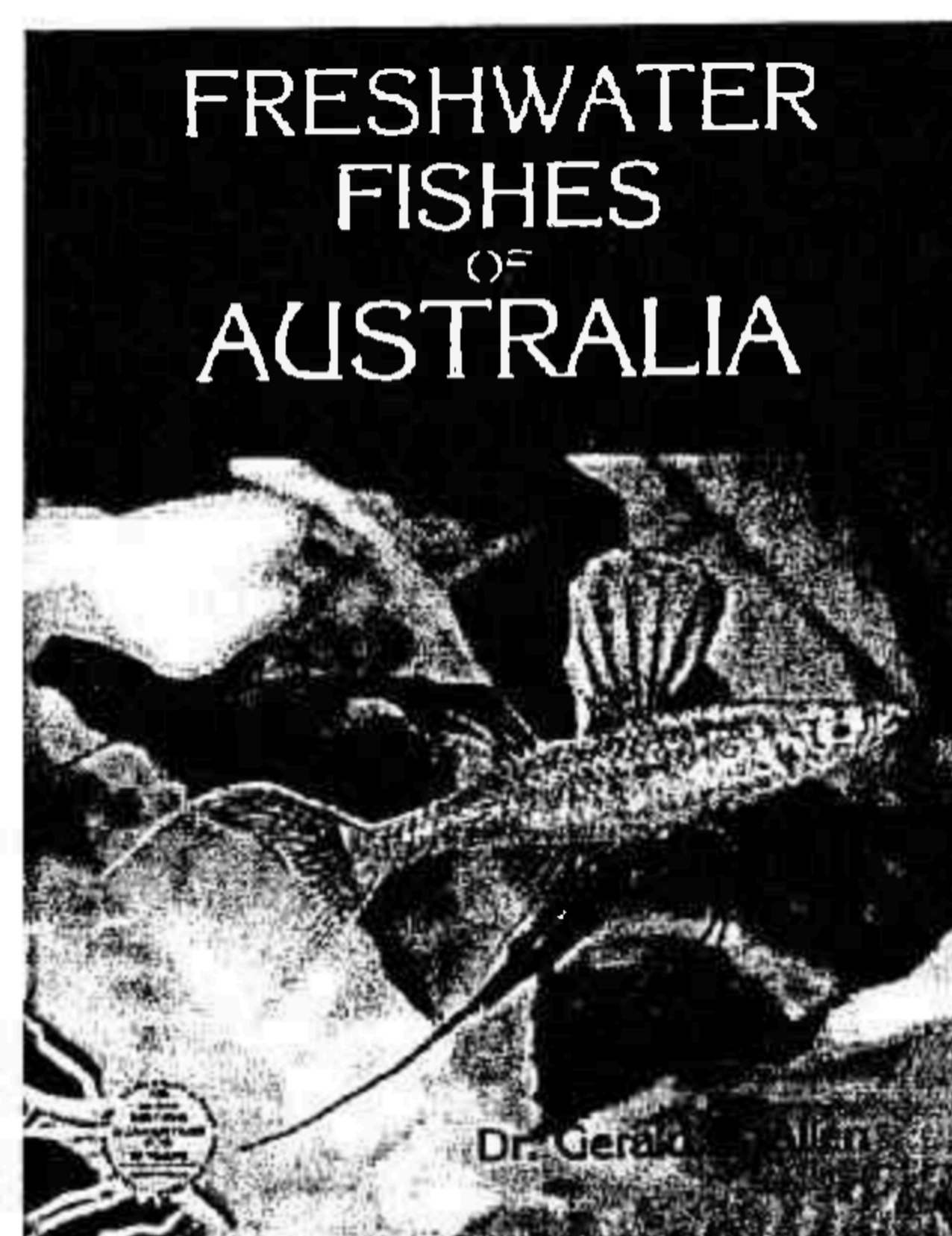
Doug Priestly has forwarded an article to ANGFA National for inclusion in "Fishes of Sahul", (available to members of ANGFA National, see page 1).

BOOK REVIEW

Freshwater Fishes of Australia

- review B. Hansen

Author: G.R. Allen
Details: TFH Publications Inc
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This was the most comprehensive volume on the freshwater fishes of the whole continent of Australia since the Blue Book of Merrick and Schmida. It represents ten years of personal effort by the author. Each family has an introduction, a key to species and their individual species description including a distribution map. Each species is covered under Diagnosis, Colouration, Distribution and Remarks.

The numerous colour plates depict a wide range of habitats and locality information as well as the fishes themselves. The fish shots are a mixed bag varying from the excellent aquarium work of Gunther Schmida to stark, obviously dead