

Catching fish in this manner has won me, you can look for drift-wood while the fish catch themselves with no "stress" to the fish or yourself.

I am hoping to organise our next field trip to the Department of Primary Industries Deception Bay fish research station. The weather is a little to cold for clambering around in streams so this trip should be entertaining, informative and comfortable. I will let you know more at the next meeting.

BOOK REVIEW

FRESHWATER FISHES OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

-review Bruce Hansen

Publish: Helen Larsen & Keith Martin
Details: NT Museum Handbook No.1
102pp
1990

About half the freshwater fishes of Australia can be found in the various habitats of the Northern Territory so this is a timely addition to our information on these fish. The introductory 15 pages is well worth the price of the book - not many similar volumes provide the basic attitudes on native fish keeping for aquarium purposes as well as this one does.

The majority of the book succinctly covers each species under the headings Habitat & Distribution; Distinctive Features; Size; Food Habits; Breeding and Aquarium Notes. A half page colour photo follows within a page or two. Many of these are the work of Keith Martin and taken in his aquaria.

Obviously there is still a lot of knowledge still forthcoming about many of these fishes but this book goes a long way towards our understanding and is modestly priced as well.

The QUEENSLAND PET & HOBBY EXPO

Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th of JUNE

- Bill Smith

Well here we are again with the annual Pet Expo looming over the not so distant horizon and no one knows what's happening or why? Pet Expo came about as a means of promoting the hobby and the business of fish and pet keeping. However Pet & Hobby Expo also benefits the Queensland Cancer Fund by virtue of a sizeable donation.

The public want to see live animals, they want to be given knowledge on how to care for these animals, or at least that's what we thought when we started Pet Expo ten long years ago! We were all aquarists and we knew a bit about pets, mainly fish, it couldn't be that difficult.

Now, however, we have the Pet & Hobby Expo. Some small minded purists believe that this is eroding the pets part of the show.

The fact is that participation from fish clubs, live animal clubs and businesses has not always been what it should be, and in order to provide something new for the public, QFAS had to look further afield. So in came the Elvis Fan Club, the Trekkies, the modellers and this year the Cadbury's Rock and Roll festival.

When viewed in the right light this should be a positive point for the fish clubs, dog clubs, aquariums and pet stores. One imagines that the addition of these other interests will draw new people through our doors, exposing fish keeping to a larger audience and fulfilling one of the main roles of QFAS.

OH BOY
it's
ROCK 'n' ROLL

Originally the people who came to the Pet Expo were already keeping fish or dogs. Now the other side of the hobby coin has landed head down and the Expo is bringing in new blood, people who don't have a fish tank, or have never seen a Borzoi or a Scottish Fowld, never mind had one as a pet.

So now you see why it is important we all get behind this years Pet & Hobby Expo, why we must ask what can I do for QFAS rather than what does QFAS do for us.

