

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Friday, 10 April 1987
7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

WHERE: Sherwood State School
Sherwood Road, Oxley

WHAT: Slide-talk by Stephen Hume on his
northern trip

VISITORS WELCOME

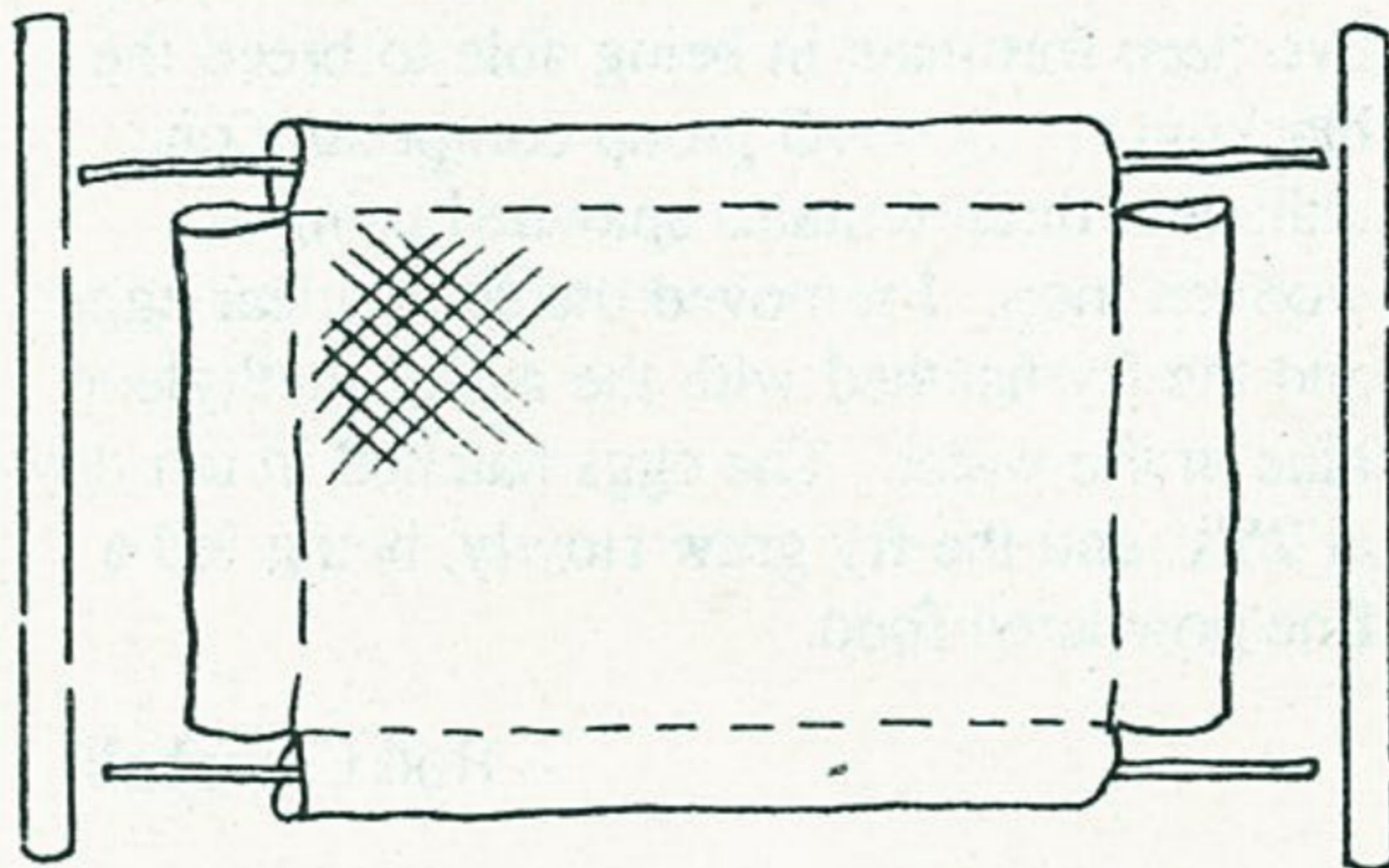
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THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

Japanese One-Man Pole Seine

This is a very useful, portable net and can be made in various mesh and pole sizes to suite the application requirements.



Manufacture is easy. You will need:

- mosquito net, shade cloth, hair mesh approx. 1.5m square
- 2 lengths light rope just over 1m long
- 2 PVC lengths (or poles) 2.5cm diameter, 1m long drilled 1cm from bottom and 10cm from top, to take rope ties.

Simply hem top and bottom to accommodate rope, then a wider hem each side to

accommodate poles. Tie poles in place - and away you go.

- Bruce Hansen

BOOKS

Freshwater Fishes of South-eastern Australia: R.M. McDowall, A.H. & A.W. Reed Pty Ltd, Sydney, 1980, 208pp.

This was an important transitional work between the old-style field guide approach and the modern more scientific volumes on native freshwater fishes. Chapters by well known experts including Hoese, Ivantsoff and Merrick evidenced the authority of the information contained. The text is detailed and informative and, although taxonomy has changed since in many instances, all species of that geographical region are covered.

The line drawings included with the text are excellent and a central block of generally excellent colour photographs complete the illustrations. From an aquarist's point of view, many of the more desirable species from the northern drainage systems of Australia are excluded and the nomenclature of the past make it a little disappointing today. Each fish is covered under useful headings and the information is easy to find.

All things considered, a useful book and a milestone in native fish publications.

- Bruce Hansen

KEEPING AND CARING

Cairns Rainbow Fish

Cairnsichtys Rhombosomoides

This small rainbow fish is an ideal aquarium subject. It is peaceful, active and pleasantly attractive.