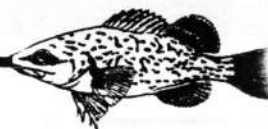




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55,000 NATIVE FISH FINGERLINGS RELEASED INTO CANBERRA LAKES

Local authorities recently released stocks of Golden Perch into Lake Tuggeranong, Lake Ginninderra and for the first time, Gungahlin Pond. Mr Mark Lintermans (fisheries biologist) said "Golden Perch and Murray Cod are suitable to the urban lakes". Recreational anglers are ecstatic because they realise Canberra's lakes will continue to produce quality fishing well into the future. We in ANGFA (ACT) are equally happy because the Government Departments involved are recognising the importance these native fish have. Unfortunately due to unfavourable conditions the fish will not breed in our lakes and have to be restocked at regular intervals. Since the mid 1960s nearly 2 million fish have been released into local lakes. The fish recently released were supplied by Uarah Fish Hatchery in Grong Grong and should be of good eating size within 2 to 3 years with the potential to grow to 5 kilograms. Additionally, over the last few years, more than 700,000 fish have been released into Googong Reservoir (just across the ACT border) which is stocked and managed in conjunction with NSW Fisheries. Recent reports indicate that Googong is fishing particularly well at the moment. 🍷

NAAWS Update

The Curator and Management of the National Aquarium Australian Wildlife Sanctuary (*formerly the National Aquarium*) are totally impressed with the plans we submitted to them recently. A great deal of thought and hard work went into the proposal and it showed. However as the man from Demtel would say, "there's more". At a recent meeting attended by Ron Green, Amanda Gray, Andy Wattam and Alan Ford, ANGFA was asked to go ahead and now formulate a full-on working plan to convert the whole of the site from a mix of salt and fresh water to total fresh water exhibits. Andy on behalf of ANGFA accepted the challenge. When completed this will be without a doubt the largest fresh water display in the Southern Hemisphere. 🍷

National Convention '95

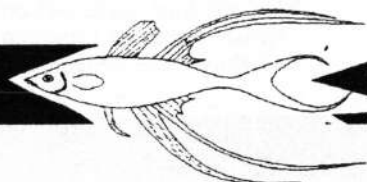
Time is running out for those who wish to save money and take advantage of the *early bird* savings to be made whilst attending the 1995 National Convention. Our offer expires at the end of June and this will be the last written notice I can give to our members.

To refresh your memory of the savings to be gained, I will once more repeat the offer.



Members of ANGFA (ACT) can register now for the cost of **\$90.00**, non-members may register now for the amount of **\$100.00**. However after 30 June '95 ANGFA (ACT) members will have to pay **\$110.00**, and non-members will pay the full rate of **\$120.00**. When you look at the figures it makes sense to join ANGFA ACT and really save. Dinner on the Saturday night will cost **\$25.00** per head (or any part thereof). 🍷

AUSTRALIA NEW GUINEA FISHES ASSOCIATION Inc



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 1995

Venue: The National Aquarium.

Present: Andy, Hans, Rodney, Hugh, Andrew, Peter, Rick, René & Alan.

Apologies: David, Clint & Leslie.

Visitors: Trintje van der Heide, Allan Harding,
Doug Williams & Paul Hailes.

Meeting open/closed: 8.00pm. 10.00pm

Previous Minutes accepted: Andy & Hans.

Correspondence: **Outgoing**—Letters/fax to Rick Datodi, Neil Armstrong, Roger Fox, Andrew Murray, National Aquarium, ANGFA WA, SANFA Inc. SA, Ken Cowden, Dr. John Humphrey CSIRO, Paul Crew NSW Fisheries, Dr Bruce Hansen, Barry Meiklejohn, Alex Caughey, Eddie Tootell, Prof. Nix, David Jones, Heiko Bleher, Wardley's Aust, Dupla Aust, Murray-Darling Basin Commission, Lee Moyes, & newsletters.

Incoming—Murray-Darling Basin Commission, Roger Fox, Andrew Murray, Alex Caughey, Dr. Bruce Hansen, Barry Meiklejohn, SANFA, Sergey Makarenko (Russia) & Prof. H Nix.

Office Bearers Reports:

- * **President**, Andy brought members up to date on our proposal to upgrade tanks at the Nat. Aq. At the time of the meeting we had not received a response from Ron Green (Curator NAAWS). (This was to be expected as Ron would need time to properly assess our proposal).
- * **Secretary**, Alan also spoke of the visit by our consultants and was pleased to report that he had received positive feed-back from our National President, Dr. Hansen, who was looking forward to the 95 Convention.
- * **Treasurer**, Hans reported we have 34 paid members of which 22 were regional. We have received a \$200.00 startup loan from ANGFA National.

CREDIT	\$	DEBIT	\$
Membership fees	180.00	Convention deposit	200.00
Auctions/Raffles	250.50	Other expenditure	51.75
Conv-Registrations	180.00	—	—
Startup loan	200.00	—	—
TOTAL	810.50	—	251.75

BALANCE \$558.75

All convention registration payments are held in a separate account.

- * **Membership, Publicity & PR**; Andrew has received a list of radio stations who might be willing to give us free advertising for our meetings. Andrew will follow this up when time permits. He is open to suggestions from members for ways to increase our membership base. Convention kit material would soon be sought.

- * **Vice president**:—Absent due to work commitments.

Special Business:

Rick Wareing was nominated by Alan for the position of Species Maintenance Officer,—seconded by Hans. Rick accepted the nomination. Motion carried. Rick was then made welcome to our committee by Andy. Thanks to Rick for providing cans of "Coke" for the meeting and donating all proceeds to the ANGFA (ACT) kitty.

General Business:

Convention news; Andy mentioned that we may be able to borrow a 5' fibreglass Trout Cod from Snobbs Creek Freshwater Hatchery. A video screen has been inserted in the beast's stomach.(should look really impressive). Peter Hughes suggested we try to include a speaker on The Great Barrier Reef. Members generally agreed so long as the topic was specific and not a documentary as screened on TV almost every week. Topics suggested were hand feeding problems or the Crown of Thorns starfish. This is to be followed up. Rick Wareing is still actively seeking cash and goods sponsorship donations, more on this at the sub-committee meeting. **Jem Aquatics** are in the middle of an expansion program, they are in fact about to move into new premises across the street. Bob Kingwell (proprietor) showed a few of us around. Our visitors from Queensland and Victoria were duly impressed, the technology employed is first class. **The impending Auction** was then discussed. All members were invited to comment on what percentage of monies should go to ANGFA (ACT). The outcome was 80% to the vendor and 20% to our sub group—all agreed. Andy went on to explain that due to our commitment to the National Aquarium proposal, he had not had time to approach local and interstate wholesalers/retailers for a suitable major item for our raffle. We will do our best to have this organised by the next general meeting. **Peter Hughes** has been studying a paper released by the University of Queensland on the Evolution of Rainbowfish. In particular he mentioned *Melanotaenia eachamensis* which shows three different DNA structures. Peter also mentioned that he had been surfing the Internet and had found an area of rainbowfish although this particular area was in dire need of good quality photo's. If anybody can supply Peter with photographs he will do his best to update the Internet. **Paul Hailes**, generously offered ANGFA (ACT) a discount and cash donation rebate structure for members who may wish to purchase goods from his shop. Andy thanked Paul for his offer and stated this would be considered at our next committee meeting. **Clint Dixon**, (*Neptunes Haven*), has installed a 6' x 2' x 2' rainbow tank in the Dept of Primary Industry building, Barton. Clint has placed some ANGFA (ACT) membership application forms in a folder adjacent to the tank. ☛

The Biotope Aquarium

By Hans de Vries

The keeping in a tank of fish and aquatic plants originating from the same region makes our hobby more interesting and more successful as far as the health of the plants is concerned. The main reasons for this are the water conditions and the temperature.

We all know that for example aquatic species of fish and plants from the Amazon Basin area generally require acid and "soft" water conditions to maintain them in good condition. The range of acidity and hardness depending on the natural habitat of the species and its seasonal conditions.

South-American Aquarium

Some time ago whilst in Holland, I was shown a "Tetra" tank based on a Rio Negro biotope. Fishes were mainly schools of Cardinal and Rummy-nose Tetras and an assortment of Corydoras species. Plants exhibited were various Echinodorus species (sword plants) and both the Red Cabomba and Hygrophila. It looked most impressive with fishes and plants in top condition.

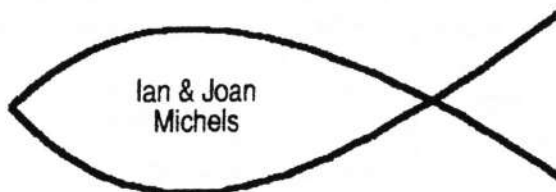
South-East Asian Aquarium

At the same place another tank was devoted to fishes and plants from a tropical south-east Asian biotope. Fish species were mainly various barbs and danios with plants an assortment of Aponogeton, Cryptocoryne and Limnophila species, Vallisneria asiatica, Barclaya longifolia and one red tiger lotus (Nymphaea sp.). Again this looked superb.

Australia/New Guinea Aquarium? Why not!

To date, not much use has been made of Australian and New Guinea freshwater plants. The reason for me writing this note is to promote an interest in the keeping and maintaining of aquatic plants from our region. Not long ago, Tom Bujna and I made an exploratory trip to the Mulgrave river south of Cairns. Coming from Canberra, I was astonished by the variety and amount of aquatic plants in this river as well as the "discovery" of a freshwater sponge. I returned home with some red and dwarf Vallisneria and some to me unknown plants. More recently, Dave Wilson sent down some seeds of Ottelia alismoides and René Jez has successfully grown them. Dave has also promised to send down some seedlings of this species. This is a beautiful, but difficult to maintain plant. It is apparently an annual and needs to be grown from seed every year.

If you are interested in Australian and New Guinea aquatic plants, it is recommended that you obtain a copy of Helen Aston's book "Aquatic Plants of Australia" and Gregory Leach and Patrick Osborne's book "Freshwater Plants of Papua New Guinea". 🌿



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ANGFA (ACT) Annual Elections

Although ANGFA (ACT) elections aren't due until the July meeting, it is now time to consider whether you will be standing for a position, or you wish to nominate a member (friend?) All positions will be declared open and any financial member can stand for nomination.

Positions held so far are
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY/PR
SPECIES MAINTENANCE
EDITOR/PUBLISHER

Other positions could, and will be created as the need dictates.

All members attending the sub-committee meetings are encouraged to continue to do so. Sub-committee persons do not have to stand for re-election. *(sub-committee meetings may be attended by any interested members)*. All sub-committee meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at NAAWS-8.00pm



Species Maintenance

Our newly appointed Species Maintenance Registrar, Rick Wareing, is keen to get on with the job but he needs your help! All local members are asked to complete a "species held" form and return it to Rick as soon as possible. If you do not have a form please ask Rick for one, he will be only too glad to oblige. This sort of information will assist members to source certain fishes they may wish to acquire. ●*

Trading Post

Ben Gunn is looking for a good home for 3 pairs of Pacific Blue-Eye. The person who takes them must be prepared to try and spawn them as soon as possible. Benn is not looking for a cash settlement although he may want a few fry later on. Danny Walker (Secretary SANFA) is looking to purchase rainbows, if you can help Danny please let me (Alan Ford) know and I will put you in touch with him. ●*



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ANGFA NSW ?

Could any of our NSW readers please inform me of any progress you might have made towards establishing a regional Branch of ANGFA. Our members are keen to work closely with NSW and are interested in an active exchange programme, needless to say this could be a "win-win" situation. (Alan Ford acting Editor ANGFA ACT). ●*

Advertising...

Those members who are interested enough to read this newsletter will have noticed a number of advertisements featuring quite prominently. These are the sponsors that we have gained so far for the '95 Conference. More will certainly follow. ●*

Articles

Like any other Editor, I would appreciate articles for inclusion in YOUR newsletter. Thank you. ●*

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Dear Mr. Ford,

Thank you very much for your letters! We are know about Victorian and Queensland Regionals Groups from ANGFA Bulletins and very glad to news about ANGFA ACT.

Russian Regional Group organized 3 years ago on Ron Bowan, ANGFA active and my initiative. Fishes of Australia, New Guinea and information about them very rare was always, but interest to them is great. That impeled me wrote first letter to ANGFA. About ANGFA and address I read in "T.F.H." (vol. 32, no. 5). At that time in the Soviet Union, today in Russia too, this magazine having three libraris and only one sending per inter-library loan system. This number I received by mistake instead of vol. 31 no. 8 with articles " Tateurndina ocellicauda, the Peacock Gudgeon an aquarium novelty " and " Spawning the Peacock Gudgeon ".

In last time in Russia connected with slump level of life, increasing the unemployment, total chaos in economic, in finances and politics is have place slump of interest to aquaristic. More exactly not itself interest but lack of money for hobby. Besides stoped all relations with friends from Ukraine, Byelorussia and centre of Russia - traditional suppliers of new fishes in Siberia.

Therefore to unite of enthusiasts, informational supporting and popularization of aquarium had founded R.R.G. Group have 18 members from 7 towns and children from Aquarium Club on today. ANGFA established finaceal fund "The Sergey Fund" for us supporting. On these means we have " FISHERIES OF SAHUL " magazines and " ANGFA Bulletins " into our library, this is base of its. Besides in library 4 issues "FAMA" '88 1 issue "DAT2" (sende Vanni Balma from Italy), 12 issues "T F H" '91 (sende Herbert Axelrod), 3 volume magazines "Aquarium a Terrarium" from Czechoslovakia and collection Russian books and magazines.

I did translation of articles on Russian, compiled a list of species about which we have information, printing on my home-made computer and sending articles to our members by order.

We putted aquariums in kinder-gartens for children. Today far from being everyone can have aquarium at home, but it's impossible children deprive of joy intercourse with nature, all the more into ours long and cold winter. True we stoped this programm of late - haven't a glue, money. But general is that two from these kinder-gartens commercial enterpris today...

On regular meetings are held on the first Monday of each month we exchanging practical experience and fishes. Our members having MELANOTAENIA BOESIMANI, TRIFASCIATA, IRIATHERINA WERNERI and GLASSOLEPIS INCISUS - it's all on today to our greatest unfortunately.

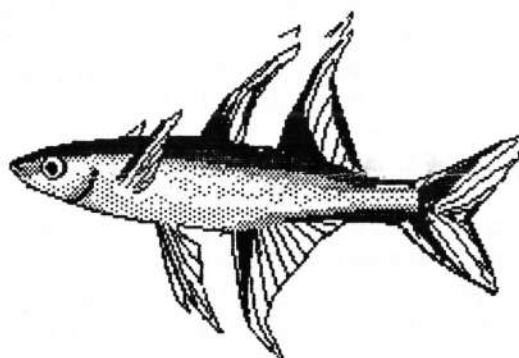
It's all about R.R.G. in brief. We to be glad contacting with ANGFA ACT later on.

Best wishes to you and all members of ANGFA ACT.

Secretary of R.R.G.

Sergey Makarenko.

08. 02. 1995.



Editors note: I thought our members might be interested in seeing how other rainbow study groups survive. I personally took the time to send Sergey a couple of newsletters. I believe all ANGFA bodies should make a little time to correspond with our overseas friends even if only a couple of times a year. This will go a long way to improving relationships. But then again it may already be happening, I surely hope so....(I have also started an information exchange program with IRG Germany).

PERSONALITY PROFILE NUMBER 3

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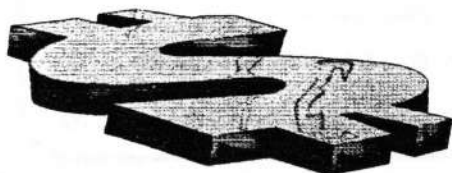
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Proof reading, Hans de Vries.

AUCTIONS LOOKING GOOD

Our first real auction held last meeting was in my opinion an outstanding success. Not only did it raise some fine funds for ANGFA (ACT) it produced some good bargains for our members. Items auctioned were Honey blue-eyes (*Pseudomugil mellis*) from Andrew Boyd. Hans brought in a lovely, healthy Amazon Sword and two types of Crypts. Andy yet again produced collectable books and magazines (*I don't know where he keeps on finding these books from but let's hope he can continue to do so*). Now we have started the ball rolling I for one am looking forward to the next auction. 🐟



COMMITTEE GROWS TO SIX

One of our newer, yet most productive workers has officially joined our committee. Rick Wareing who has recently accomplished some astounding Convention fund raising has taken on the position of Species Maintenance Officer. Rick was voted in at the March general meeting although he has been tirelessly working on our committee for some months now. Rick is an avid aquarist who keeps a good number of tank-busters and has recently acquired quite a few rainbows. 🐟

NEXT MEETING

When: Thursday 4th May 1995

Start: 8.00pm

Venue: The National Aquarium Australia Wildlife Sanctuary, Lady Denman Drive, at Scrivener Dam ACT.

Major raffle and auction

Guest speaker: **Peter Hughes** who will discuss a Queensland University scientific paper covering "The Evolution of Rainbowfishes" Peter assures me he can translate the paper from scientific jargon into understandable laymans terms. Why not introduce a friend and bring something for the auction. 🐟

ANGFA (ACT) - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

ANGFA (ACT) meets on the first Thursday of every second month at 8.00pm (Jan, March, May, July, Sept & Nov).

Venue: The National Aquarium, Lady Denman Drive at Scrivener Dam.

Membership fees of \$5.00 (\$A) per annum fall due on the first of July.

Please note it is compulsory for all ACT members to be a member of ANGFA National, additional fees of \$25.00 (\$A) per annum are applicable.

✂ _____

Yes! Please register me as a member of ANGFA (ACT).

Name: _____

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Forward this application with the relevant fees to,

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