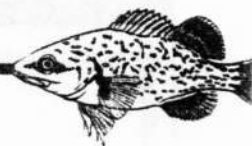


ANGFA ACT



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANGFA (ACT)

It's been 12 months since the humble beginnings of ANGFA (ACT). How time flies when you're having fun. This month's meeting will be our first Annual General Meeting and subsequently on the night all committee positions will be declared vacant. A great deal has been accomplished over the last 12 months and the credit must go to Andy Wattam. Without Andy's contacts we would have been struggling to get the Conference off the ground. Ron Green and staff from the National Aquarium Australian Wildlife Sanctuary have been more than receptive throughout, and the time they put in for us is appreciated and will be rewarded with some stunning fresh-water displays. Your committee has grown from three initial appointees to six and will increase by at least one this month with the creation of our library. Peter Hughes, who due to the nature of his studies has access to a number of scientific publications showed interest in the position of librarian. Peter will be nominated at the AGM, he certainly has my vote. The May meeting saw our best attendance to date with a total of 20 members and guests. The weather was not at its best so that only makes the turn-out even more impressive. Our auctions continue to raise good dollars with many people donating goods with the aim to see that ANGFA (ACT) grows from strength to strength. Thanks to Paul Hailes of Hailes Aquariums and Accessories for the donation of a terrarium. The last auction contained no fish or plants but as usual did contain some excellent publications and miscellaneous items. Thanks to all who contributed.

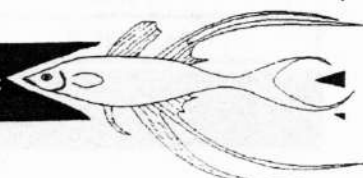
Straight Talk (the facts — not the fiction)

Jealousy is a curse! Recent grumblings over the alleged misuse of ANGFA funds by Bruce Hansen, Barry Meiklejohn, Neil Armstrong, Eddie Tootell & Alex Caughey are totally unfounded. They recently visited the National Capital to assist us with the NAAWS proposal, and did so out of their own pocket. ANGFA (ACT) did on **no occasion** ask for the travel or any other associated expenses to come out of National funds, and nor did they. I can assure you the trip cost each of them plenty and goes to show the good spirit of ANGFA members, and how far some of your duly elected committee will go to enhance the good name of ANGFA.



Have you booked your Convention accommodation yet?
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AUSTRALIA NEW GUINEA FISHES ASSOCIATION Inc



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

May 4th 1995

Venue: National Aquarium Australian Wildlife Sanctuary.

Present: 20 Members and guests.

Apologies: Clint Dixon

Visitors: 5 (of whom some joined.)

Meeting Open/Closed: open 8.20 close 10.10

Previous Minutes accepted: Andrew Boyd & David Manby

Correspondence: **Outgoing;** Numerous letters of request for sponsorship for National Conference to various businesses. Conference progress report to ANGFA National. Newsletters

Incoming; Letter of thanks from ANGFA National re NAAWS submission document. Posters and letter from NZ High Commission re Conference. Letter from Finemores Transport re conference (unable to assist with Conference sponsorship). Letter from Coca-Cola Qbyn, (able to assist with Conference sponsorship). Fax from Dr Hansen re a potential speaker from Macquarie University. FAI Insurance, Prime TV, Fax from ADPRO re shirts, Yellow Pages, Letter D Collom (ANGFA Nat), Shell Aust.

Office Bearers Reports:

- **President;** Our universal traveller "Andy" stated he had been busy to say the least! He had recently attended an ANGFA Victoria general meeting, where he proudly flew our flag (so to speak). Andy was pleased to announce that Ron Bowman was up to date with "Fishes of Sahul" and that it would be produced shortly. ANGFA NSW is now operational and they have so far held 2 successful meetings. He then spoke of tanks maintained by ANGFA VIC and displayed at McDonalds Victoria.
- **Vice president;** David congratulated our "Gung-Ho" committee and then gave praise to a St Kilda aquarium shop.
- **Secretary;** Alan gave a brief (for him) progress update on our forthcoming Convention. He then thanked members present for obviously taking the time to read our newsletter.
- **Treasurer;** Hans advised that we now have 35 local and 12 interstate members. We have only 5 people who have paid their Convention registration fees, of whom only 3 have so far booked for the dinner. He then produced the following financial statements as at 1 May 1995.

Table # 1 ANGFA (ACT) funds

CREDIT	\$	DEBIT	\$
Membership fees 94/95	175.00	M/ship to CPS Credit Union	10.00
Membership fees 95/96	5.00	Stationery & Stamps	82.30
Auctions/Raffles	280.50	Address Labels	13.50
—	—	Miscellaneous	8.00
TOTAL	460.50 -	TOTAL	113.80
BALANCE	\$346.70		

Table # 2 National Convention

CREDIT	\$	DEBIT	\$
Start-up fund	200.00	Deposit for Venue	200.00
Registration fees	450.00	SANFA M-DBC Submission	11.00
Dinner	75.00		
Sponsorships	500.00		
TOTAL	1225.00	TOTAL	211.00
BALANCE	\$1014.00		

- **Membership, Publicity & PR;** Andrew gave a brief report on the Conference Programme and Folder with reference to contacts made with Ron Bowman, Ken Smales and June Caughey. He raised matters of costs will be explored in greater detail at the Sub-Committee Meeting.
- **Species Maintenance Registrar;** Rick was pleased that some had completed their maintenance forms and asked all local members who had not complied to complete and submit their registration forms.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Convention Polo Shirts — A sample of Logo artwork was passed around for general comment-artwork has been returned to manufacturer for improvements as suggested by members.

Monthly General Meetings — Meeting monthly instead of bi-monthly was discussed-it was decided to wait until Nov '95 meeting for a decision. Hans and René both thought we should consider meeting on a monthly basis very carefully-the continued high quality of speakers was a concern.

Increase of Annual Fees — Increases of \$8.00 & \$10.00 were suggested-again we will wait until the Nov '95 meeting before a decision will be made. Craig Bryant suggested we implement a junior and pensioner membership discount.

National Membership — The discussion turned to compulsory National fees.

Peter Hughes put forward the motion that; - As of January 1996 we combine and collect ACT and National joining fees. The motion was seconded by Hans de Vries. This will mean that we change our annual commencement date from July 1 to Jan 1, a pro-rata system will be introduced to compensate. The motion was agreed upon unanimously. All efforts will be made to bring all ACT members into line with National policy ASAP...

NAAWS proposal — We are waiting for Ron Green (Curator NAAWS) to call a meeting.

Ron is aware of this fact and will respond as soon as practicable.

Convention Sponsorship — Alan asked how many requests for sponsorship are enough?

It was decided to put a hold on further requests until more responses are received.

Social Events — Rick Wareing suggested a family BBQ/get-together about twice a year! As usual with ACT policy Rick was given the task of organising our first event. More on this as progress is made.

Guest Speaker was Peter Hughes who gave an excellent speech on the evolution of Rainbowfishes, Peter demonstrated how DNA testing is used by some scientists to establish relationships between species and genera. 35mm colour slides as well as OHP slides were shown. Thanks for a great talk Peter!

NAAWS once again had everything prepared which no doubt helped make this particular meeting an outstanding success. Thanks Amanda.

Meeting Closed

ANGFA (ACT) 12 Months Down The Track !

It's been just over 12 months since ANGFA (ACT) was officially formed. The records show that Andy was voted in as President during a meeting at Andrew Boyd's home in May 1994. Our first fully sanctioned meeting was on the 7th July '94 at Andy's home in Latham. To the credit of our current committee ANGFA (ACT) has progressed at an astonishing rate. Andy's leadership has been exemplary with due recognition coming from the National body, it is without a doubt that we could not have progressed this rapidly without him. I believe Andy will stand for President again this time around, and he will get my vote should he decide to do so. What is required now is a period of consolidation with few if any changes to our current committee.

To keep the continuity going I will stand for the Secretary's position should someone care to nominate me again. As for the Editor's position, who knows, maybe someone else may wish to take it on! I am prepared to continue to help as I do not wish to see 12 months work go down the drain.

The newsletter has become something of a hobby-horse to me and I guess I must be a masochist or something as I am starting to enjoy the task. Although I am not too impressed when I do something stupid and my computer crashes, losing the majority of the latest newsletter. (Yes I was trying to accomplish a comprehensive backup at the time). At least it keeps me off the streets and what's left of the grey matter functioning, although some may wish to debate that fact.

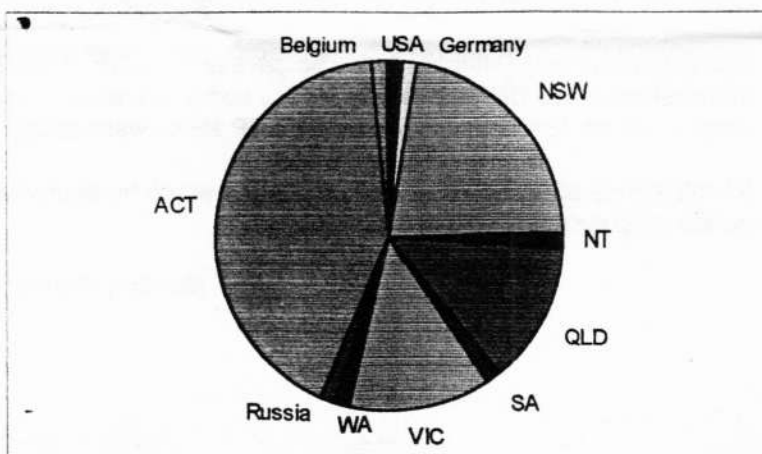
We were lucky to secure NAAWS as a venue and we can all look forward to a prosperous and successful future with Ron and his staff. During the year our planning submission to NAAWS was an outstanding piece of work and it is now time to act upon those plans. The forthcoming National Conference is running to plan and the early prognosis is that it too will be successful.

Membership has grown at a steady rate and accordingly a couple of new positions have been created on the committee. As stated before, I do not know who will stand for our next committee, but I thank the previous committee for their tireless efforts during the past 12 months...☺

As reported earlier in this newsletter, our last meeting was the best attended to date. This prompted me to create and publish the following chart. ANGFA (ACT) not surprisingly has the largest percentage of members with NSW in second spot. Victoria and Queensland equal third, with the remaining states and countries all represented by one each. This chart does not differentiate between actual members and associate or exchange groups.

These are the actual numbers.

USA	1	RUSSIA	1
GERMANY	1	ACT	29
NSW	15	WA	1
NT	1	VIC	9
QLD	9	SA	1
BELGIUM	1		



A BRIEF REMINDER FOR CONVENTION ATTENDEES.

**WHEN BOOKING YOUR CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION
AT EAGLE HAWK HILL RESORT BE SURE TO MENTION
ANGFA. BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE NOW TO
ENSURE YOUR ACCOMMODATION FOR THE
CONVENTION.**

**INTENDING "FISH WIDOWS ON TOUR" SHOULD
NOTIFY US ASAP SO AS WE CAN MAKE THE
NECESSARY LOCAL SIGHTSEEING ARRANGEMENTS...**

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DUE NOW!**

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FORWARDED TO**

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ANGFA NATIONAL CONVENTION—OCTOBER 21-22 1995 REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for the '95 ANGFA National convention

Name: _____

Address: _____ Post code _____

- ☐ I enclose \$110.00 (full registration). I am a member of ANGFA (ACT) ☐
- ☐ I enclose \$120.00 (full registration) I am not a member of ANGFA (ACT) ☐
- ☐ I enclose \$60.00 (1day registration) please state day preferred ☐
- ☐ I would like to attend the official dinner, and enclose a further \$25.00 ☐

All monies payable to the Treasurer ANGFA (ACT),
Hans de Vries, 11 Stevenson Street Torrens ACT 2607. Tel: 06 286 1811

Total amount sent \$ _____

I will/will not be accompanied by my spouse/partner, I will bring (# _____) children.

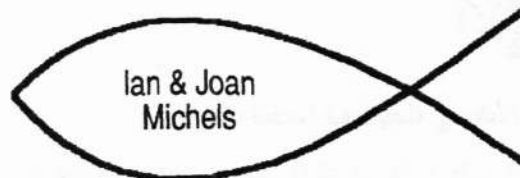
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Accommodation;	a normal room will cost	\$64.00 per day (1dbl & 1 single bed)
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PERSONALITY PROFILE NUMBER 4

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OCCUPATION	ZOO KEEPER
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Subs Now Due!

Members are reminded that membership fees become due this meeting. Please bring your \$5.00 renewal with you this month. Don't forget that only financial members will be eligible to vote. Will this be your last ACT newsletter? It could be if you neglect to renew your membership. Membership falls due on the 1st July '95.



FISH WIDOWS ON TOUR

In keeping with the precedent set by Queensland, ANGFA (ACT) has organised a tour for those significant others. On Saturday 21/10, we have planned a day of shopping. On Sunday 22/10 sightseeing of a cultural nature was thought in order. Sights to be seen include New Parliament House, The National Gallery, The High Court building, The Science and Technology bldg etc. Of course if the Ladies concerned have other ideas in mind, we will be more than happy to heed their wishes. ☺

ANGFA NSW

As mentioned in the minutes, (pages 2 & 3) ANGFA NSW is established, well almost. David Crass is in the chair pending elections. The Study Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Darling Harbour Aquarium. The ACT started off as a study group before being officially recognised by ANGFA. On 7 June 1995 Andy Wattam, Ian Morphet and myself travelled to Sydney to attend the NSW sub - group meeting. Andy was the guest speaker for the evening and gave one of his exceptional slide shows, over 100 slides of native fishes were shown. The meeting was well attended but unfortunately due to the absence of a key member the scheduled elections were not held. The venue is superb, (Darling Harbour Aquarium) and ANGFA NSW look to have a bright future. ANGFA (ACT) thank NSW for their support and wish them all the very best for the future. If we can be of further assistance please ask!

Trading Post

Rick Wareing would like to replace 2 female *Glossolepis wanamensis* and can be contacted on (06) 291 9486.

Gilbert Maebe, our Belgian member would like to obtain eggs of *Quirichthys stramineus*, *Psuedomugil signifer* (Ross R.) *Ps mellis*, and *Denariusa bandata*. Please contact Hans de Vries on (06) 286 1811 if you can help.

Convention Accommodation

If you are travelling from interstate please make your advanced booking at Eagle Hawk Hill Resort as soon as possible. Management has reserved some rooms for Conference attendees, but these rooms will not be held indefinitely, all that is required is a free phone call to Eagle Hawk and a small deposit to secure your Convention accommodation. The toll free number is (008) 651 543. Please book now to avoid disappointment.



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FISH ON LINE!

Back To The Future Bulletin Board has a Fishkeeping Message Area for use by all Canberra Aquarists - ANGFA Members are most welcome. If you own a PC clone and have a modem, dial 2852353 and just wait thirty seconds to get past the answering machine! Membership of this BBS is free and adverts on aquatic themes are welcome, as well as general chat and problems - maybe you have one or you can offer advice to another BBS member. Herpetological chat is acceptable. Any problems phone Andrew Boyd 2916086 (Moderator - Fishkeeping)

CONVENTION '95

Don't wait to be told by your friends what you missed...

Book Now

With only 3 months before our National Convention in October, now is the time to ask yourself whether you intend to be there. Time has really flown, and the excellent Convention held in Brisbane last year has left an indelible impression on my mind. Plans for Canberra are progressing well with only the fine detail still being worked on. We would appreciate it if all ANGFA members planning to attend the Convention could notify us. This information really makes a difference to those who are trying to plan such an event. The speakers we have engaged will provide for a varied programme so as to encompass all topics to suit a cross-section of members interests. Canberra with its central location to most states offers easy access to almost all members, the possible exception being WA. However I have it on good authority that WA will be well represented. As soon as the Convention "polo" shirts become available a sample will be sent to all regional Branches.

This will be the Convention not to miss.

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 Australian Wildlife Sanctuary, 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: _____

Address: _____ post code _____

Telephone number: (bus) _____

(home) _____

Forward this application with the relevant fees to,

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