



HOOK-UP



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20th October 2020

- Rowley Shoals Interlude
- Monte Bello Islands
- Scores, items for sale
- School hols at Exmouth
- Boats and gear for sale
- Halco news

WEATHER»

Seems like we have got the summer pattern of easterly winds and early sea breezes in early this year.

La Nina, the weather phenomenon which gets the warmer water flowing down WA's west coast looks like it should give us a treat this season. As we have for many years, water temperatures will be measured at the PGFC FAD and we'll be keeping an eye on the satellite data.

LOCAL FISHING»

Not many reports from the metro area other than plagues of small southern bluefin tuna between Lancelin and Mandurah. Mostly in the 3-5 kg range they are great fun on light tackle and exceptionally good on the table.

Dhufish were cooperating ahead of the demersal closure with excellent reports of big fish from Jurien Bay to Cape Naturaliste.

Member Glen Rattigan in his new boat Black Ops with fellow member John Holmes had a weather opportunity on 13th and went wide. Catches included southern bluefin tuna as expected and to top it off an 80cm dhufish. Not a game fish but definitely a keeper!

2020-21 SAVE the DATE

05 November	Social Night Surprise Venue TBA
08 November	FAD Working Bee CPBC Woodman Point
06 December	Opening Day RPYC Fremantle
29 December	Gilligan's Cruise Swan River
17 January	Family Day Matilda Bay
13 & 14 February	Marlin Cup RPYC Fremantle
9-11 April	WA Open Jurien Bay
16 May	Ladies and Kids Day RPYC Fremantle
30 June	Club Year ends
10 August	Annual General Meeting RPYC Fremantle
28-29 August	Snapper Comp RPYC Fremantle
August	Presentation Dinner RPYC Crawley

John Holmes' 80cm dhuie



EXMOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAYS▶▶



During the October school holidays the Oosthuizen and de Vries families visited Exmouth, fishing out of Tantabiddi. A large weather system shut the fishing down for a few days but Zandri and Kim still managed a few good fish.

Cold and green inshore water made billfish targeting difficult, but one marlin was released, a good sized black marlin that got itself tail-wrapped and gave Zandri a good fight in rough conditions. Several large mahi mahi were caught and one even came to investigate while the marlin was being wrangled out of its leader.

Strong winds prevailed leaving only one day suitable for demersal fishing.

A good bag of gold band and ruby snapper were caught.

Moving locations after each drop minimised the shark problem that plagues those waters.

More photos are available in the PGFC Teamapp gallery.



ROWLEY SHOALS

The last issue of Hook-Up gave us the opportunity to showcase Kristin McCarthy's charter boat Two Seas, as it explored the magnificent Abrolhos Island on a dive/fishing charter <http://www.pgfc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Hook-Up-20-09-12.pdf> . From there they cruised to Broome with some superb action at Rankin Bank enroute to Broome before heading to the remote Rowley Shoals some 140 Nm west of the west Kimberley town.

The story as related by Kristin:

"We didn't get time to do the Montes, we had an extra charter at the Abrolhos which only left us 5 days to get to Broome for the start of season.

Rankin Bank

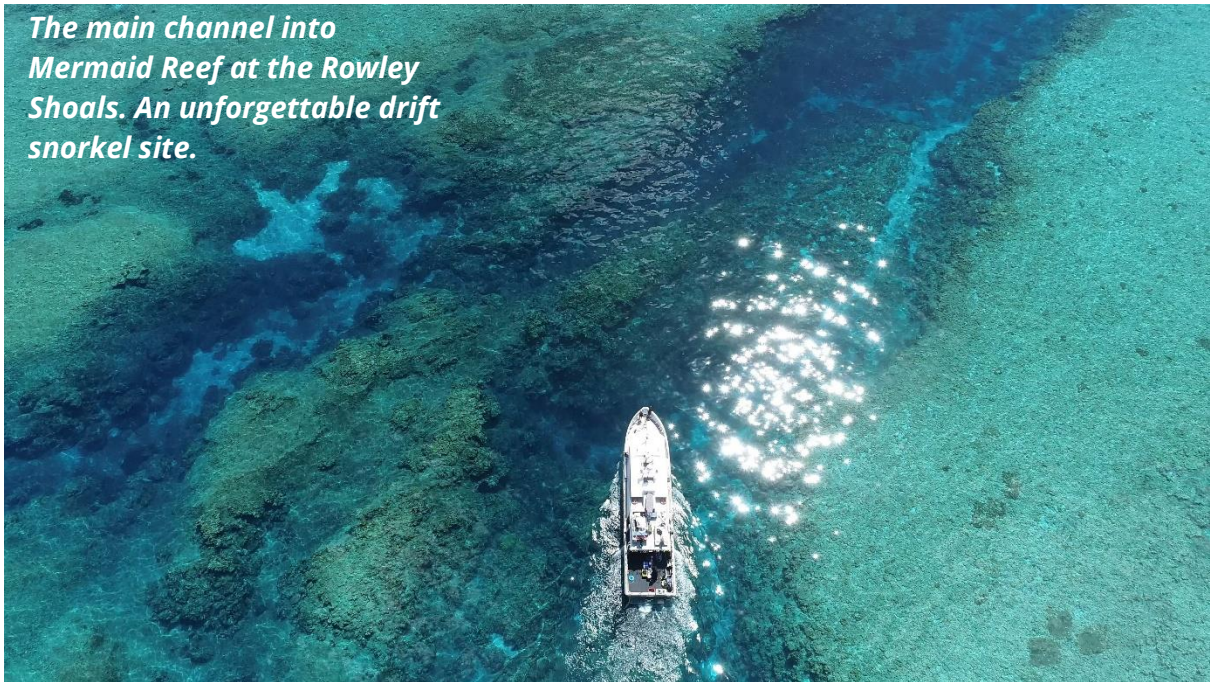
After a rough ride from the Abrolhos to Exmouth with 40 knot winds and a 3.5 m swell we were pretty happy to pass Exmouth and see the weather calming; what we would expect from then north. Arriving at Rankin Bank on sunrise on day four into the long steam north, it was the crew's turn for some fishing fun. Rankin Bank on that morning was like the epicentre of everything fish, we bagged out on bottom fish before the sun had completed rising then moved onto some billfish action with a new spread from Richter Lures onboard. We were a little excited to see what lures the fish would take to. Instantly there was a three way hook up on marlin and wahoo. The second run saw some big sailfish swim though the spread knocking each skirt and having a go at the teaser before finally settling on the purple skirts. We could have stayed all day but a tight cruise schedule from Broome was calling the boat North.



Rowley Shoals

The fishing action was nothing short of phenomenal. Trolling with the whole spread saw consistent quadruple (and more) hook ups , with the best bit being that each fish in the hook up would be a different species, one person would land a solid yellowfin tuna the next a wahoo whilst Mark would be fighting a sailfish. We started the season with a new crew member who had never participated in game fishing before, her first hook up on the way to the Rowley's saw her land a beautiful 100kg blue marlin. Safe to say she is expecting big things from each fishing trip now.

The main channel into Mermaid Reef at the Rowley Shoals. An unforgettable drift snorkel site.



The fishing action was so exciting that the kids onboard asked if they could have a turn. The adults stepped aside while the four and seven year old onboard dressed in gimbals almost as big as them, eagerly grabbed the Shimano Tiagras and locked them in as soon as the reel screamed. A little nervous about the size of the fish we had been seeing, the dads were tasked with holding on to the kids. I was so proud to see them wind like never before and both land some impressive barracuda, albeit they were not impressed when the fish were then returned after their hard work. I think the adults are going to have a run for their money in next year's trips.

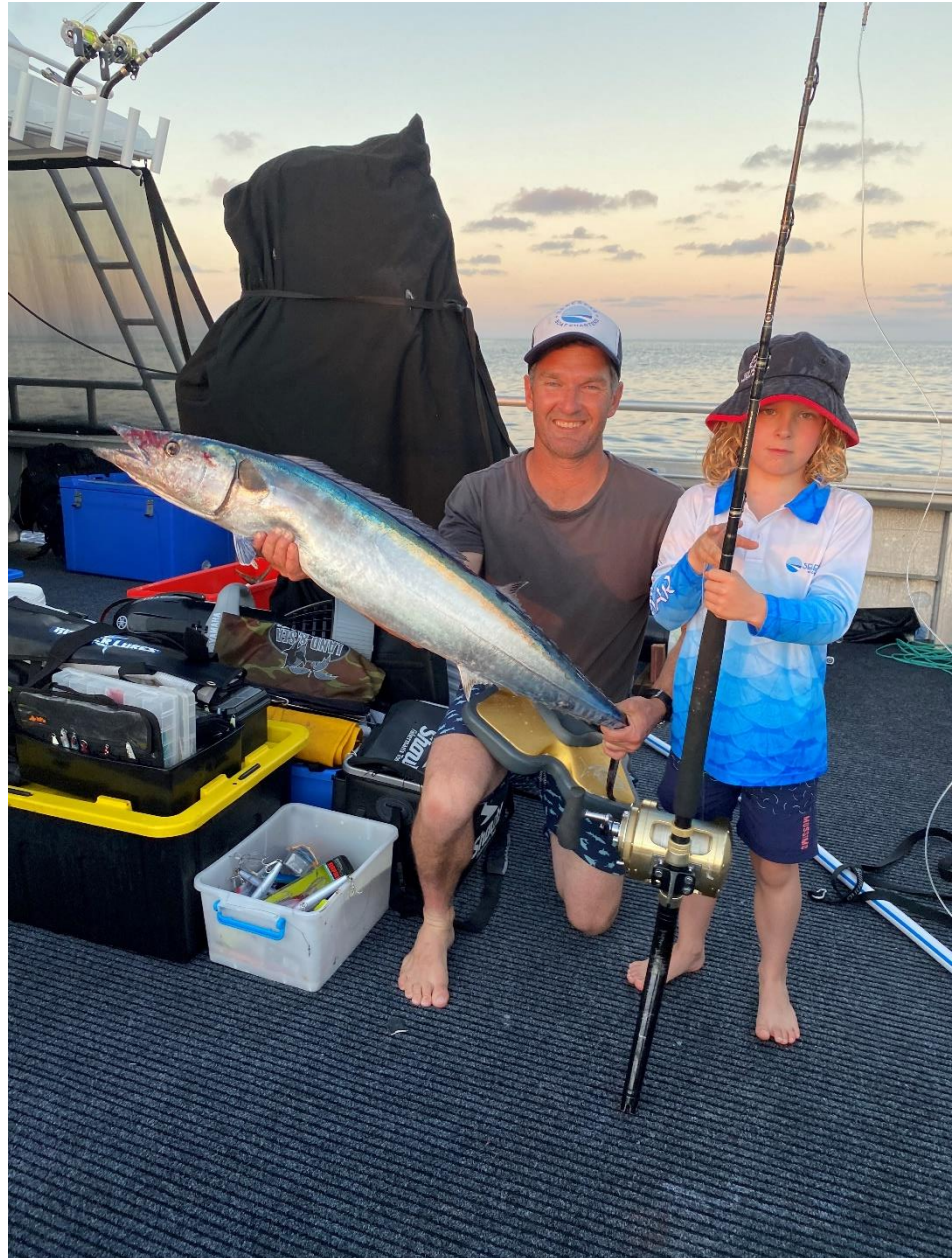


The shallows at the Rowley Shoals are just as much fun as the blue water, casting in the super shallows from our smaller tenders saw us having a ball fighting long nose emperor on the lighter gear. Poppers attracted plenty of GT action when they cruise the shallows chasing garfish. Next trip we have a group bringing fly gear, and we look forward to seeing how the GT's respond to that.

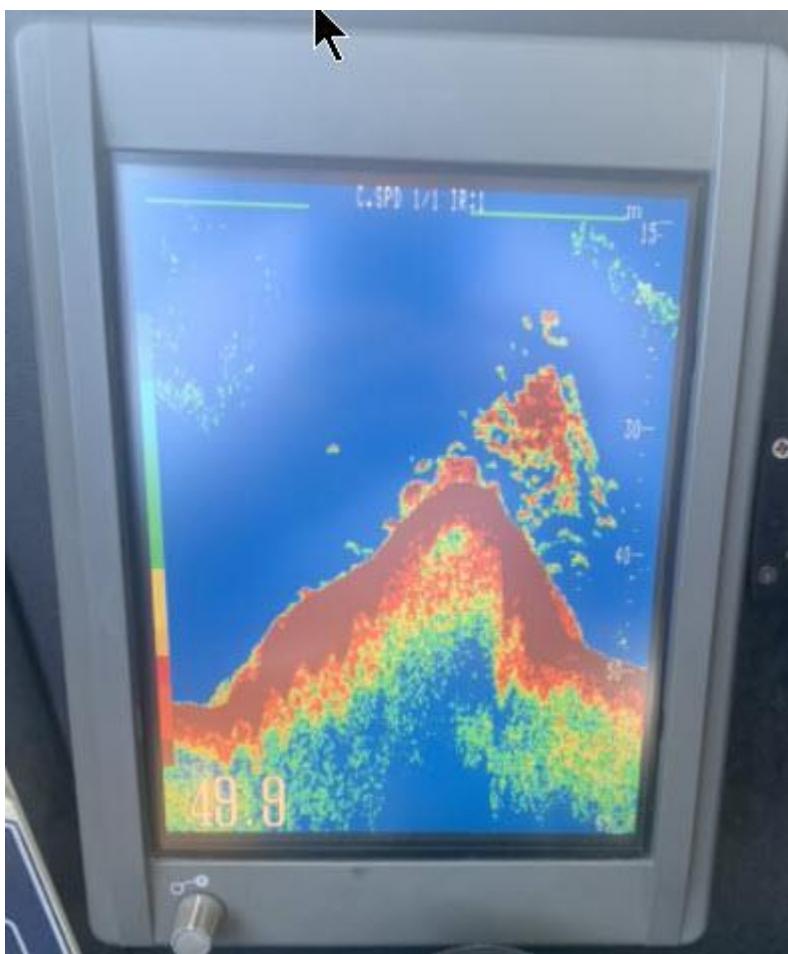
Deepwater fishing in transit between Broome and the Rowley Shoals has allowed us to find some ground with solid coral trout as well as deep water snappers that we have never seen before. Sharks were a challenge when bottom bouncing, bringing the fish up can create a burn in the arm like you have never felt before.

Experimenting with times that we fished and the gear allowed us to be able to land some massive coral trout.

Drift snorkelling at the Rowley Shoals on tide changes are an experience that words cannot



describe. For the adventurous there is the speed snorkel done at the top of the tide change where water flowing in and out of the reef can reach speeds up to 10 knots, it sees you overtaking GT's without even so much as moving a muscle. Doing the drift snorkel on the outgoing tide has you pushed into the deep water where you see the pelagic fish such as dogtooth tuna lining up to feed on the fish pushed out in the rush.



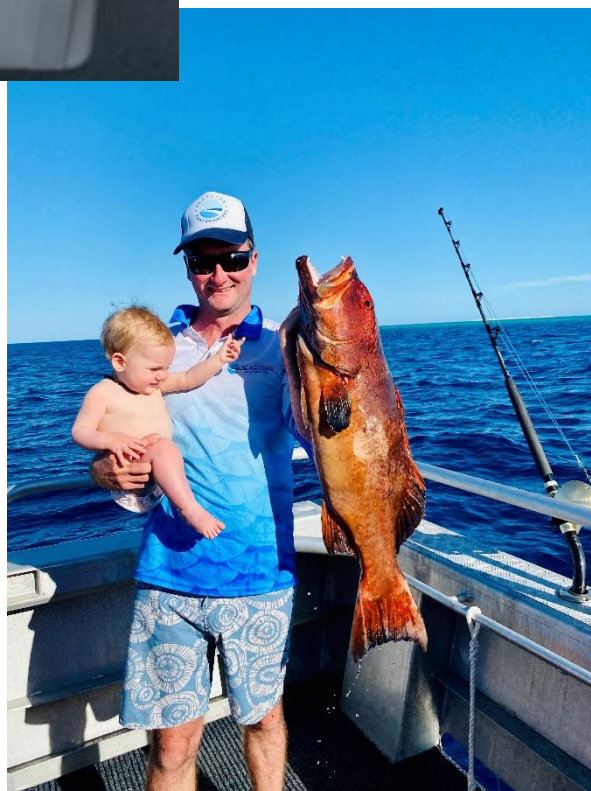
Having kids onboard allowed us to find some spectacular shallow water snorkels in areas known as Aquariums and as described by the four year old onboard it was like going for a swim at AQWA. We stumbled on cuttlefish so big that we didn't even know it was possible for them to grow so large, they sit on top of the staghorn coral changing from the colour of sand to purples and reds matching the coral.

The Rowley Shoals are the ultimate water playground, from snorkelling, diving, fishing, beach combing and stargazing. The trip just goes far too quickly."

Seaestar Charters are generous sponsors of Perth Game Fishing Club. It is expected that the Club will be organising a charter for interested members in 2021, more information to come.

In the meantime Seaestar can be contacted on 0412 825 323 or info@seaestar.com.au

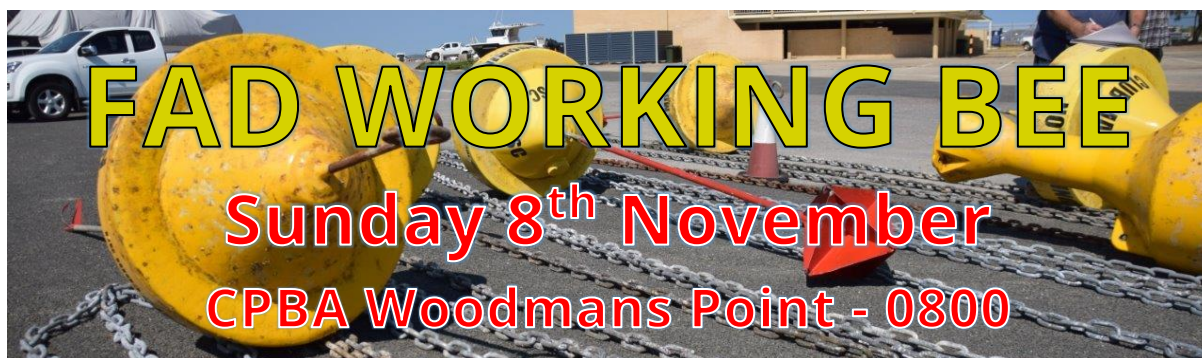
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MONTE BELLO ISLANDS▶▶

Member Greg Baker and a few of his golfing buddies took off for the Monte Bellos last week for some R&R aboard Chad Mills' Blue Lightning out of Dampier.

The trout was his first catch on the first day, followed up by a beautiful blue bone the next morning. All up the group brought home fillets of red emperor, rankin cod, blue bone and coral trout. Flinging poppers and stick baits into GT prone areas was limited by the weather but some good workouts on shark mackerel were had. Unfortunately, sharks got in the way of many catches.



FAD WORKING BEE▶▶

Hi members,

It's time to assemble the FADs ready for deployment during the week beginning 9th November. Volunteers are needed to assemble the floats and mooring gear so we can have them ready for the first weather window in that week.

All you'll need will be a pair of gloves, 12" shifter, pliers for mousing and some wire cutters. We look forward to a good turnout and a quick job.

Please contact Peter Coote on 0419 266843 or Adam Durell on 0413 623352 or contact@pgfc.com.au if you can make it.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES▶▶

PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2020-21

EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER		PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	
Ash Hicks	1216	Rock'N'Roll	1984
Brian Arnett	1025	Seatrix	1141
Dylan Picken	908	Short Black	841
Phil Volich	488	Bush Chook	779
Jacob Whyte	488	Picko Westerberg	462
Kevin Baker	471	Little Trix	527
Andy Pearson	353	Dream Catcher	267
Francois de Vries	267	Triple H	120
Scott Turrell	128		
Matthys Solomon	105		

JUNIOR TROPHY			
Lochlan Turrell	627	Ellouise Pugh	101

NEIL PATRICK TROPHY			
Ashley Hicks	7	Lochlan Turrell	2
Darren Bowden	5	Jim Ireland	1
Peter Salmon	4	Ben Pugh	1
Dave Thomson	3		

Club Championship points have been updated to 19th October 2020. The season began on 1st October and will end on 30th June 2021. Members are reminded that whilst all care is taken, members are responsible for ensuring their points are correct. No adjustments, up or down, will be made after the final Club Championship Points have been awarded.

FOR SALE▶▶

Shimano Tyrnos 16

2 Speed, Mechanically 9/10, Cosmetically 6/10,

Always used as a trolling reel with 8 or 10kg. Currently has 8kg on it.

Selling due to upgraded to Talica 12 2 speeds. \$250 ono

Contact Dylan Picken at pickendylan@gmail.com



ALL SPECIES COMPETITION➡

2020-21 Annual All Species Competition							
Current to 3rd October	Male	Length	Female	Length	Smallfry Junior	Length	Other
Baldchin Groper	Damien Wham	56cm	Rikki Kohn	41cm	Zandri Oosthuizen	44cm	
Breaksea Cod	Rhyss Whittred	49cm			Rhys Martin	46cm	
Dhufish	Josh Witkin	101cm			Rhys Martin	69cm	
Hapuka/ Bass Grouper/ 8 Bar/ Blue Eye	Rhyss Whittred	142cm					Bass
Herring	Peter Babarskas	26cm	Rikki Kohn	23cm	Henry Sandon	25cm	
King George whiting	Andre de Vries	51cm					
Pink snapper	Francois de Vries	72cm	Andrea Pugh	65cm	Zandri Oosthuizen	79cm	
Queen snapper	Deon van der Westhuizen	70cm					
Red snapper	Rhyss Whittred	42cm					
Samsonfish/ Amberjack	Damien Wham	120cm			Zandri Oosthuizen	107cm	
Sand whiting	John Cramer	27cm			Harry Coulston	32cm	
Skippy	Brett Martin	41cm			Lochlan Turrell	31cm	
Squid	Mark Jamieson	35cm	Sarinya Semapech	22cm	Lochlan Turrell	29cm	
Tailor	Dale Moir	58cm			Ollie Anderson	39cm	
Yellowtail Kingfish	Dylan Picken	96cm	Linda Durell	65cm			

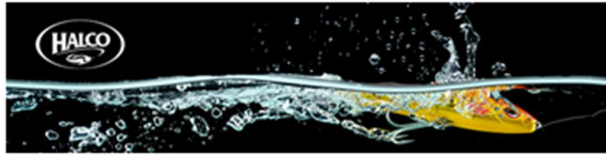
It's easy and fun to enter, simply

- Take a photo of the fish laying on a brag mat head to the board, to verify the fork length.
- Take another photo of the angler holding the fish.
- Send both photos, the anglers name, species name and the fork length of the fish to Ash Hicks at hicks87@gmail.com or 0419 510 262.



HALCO NEWS REEL ▶▶

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SEPTEMBER News Reel



Halco put a lot of effort into keeping their customers informed and equally into local design of their great products.

NEW VIDEO: CREATING THE SLIDOG 105

An insight into the mind of Halco's lure designer (and owner) Ben Patrick as he pieces together the brand new SLidog 105.

Every new lure is a unique journey with its own set of challenges and hurdles to overcome.

The best part for Ben is watching months and months of hard work get swallowed by a big fish!

WATCH BELOW



CAPACITY BUILDING

With the end of the Club's year passing on 30th September, planning for the 2021 year is well advanced. The Club is assembling a group of members who are keen to take up positions on the committee or simply help out with other non-committee related tasks.

The Club has ambitious plans to strengthen its offering and relevance to members both on the water and off.

The club needs help from members whose expertise might include organising events, book-keeping, FAD program administration, communications, graphics, sponsorship and general tasks.

If you would like to be part of the organising group or know someone you think might like to be, even if not a club member, contact Peter Coote on 0419 266843, Alex Scholz on 0408 866292 or John Webber on 0407 386734.

FOR SALE▶▶

A pair of the Club's Roger Swainston images framed. A steal at \$500 each

Contact Doug on 0411 464444



Greg Baker Montes red emperor



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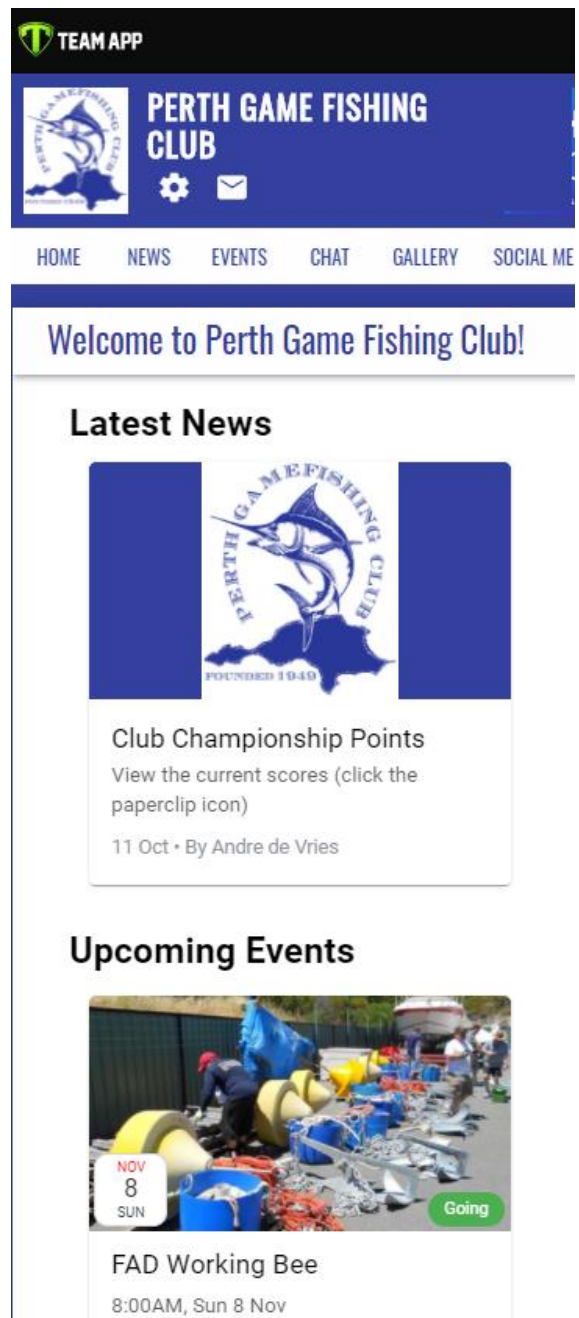
COMING TO PGFC▶▶

PGFC is launching the Club's Team App, a mobile phone and laptop app that instantly gives you club news, events, scores, chat, images, akrets and links to social media and the website.

Running right now but quickly getting populated, try it by joining – it's FREE.

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