



Dear Member,

We are rapidly approaching the annual AFANT AGM to be held at Tracy Village in March.

I would encourage all members who have an interest in recreational fishing and would like to be involved in formulating AFANT's policies to consider nominating for the AFANT Committee as we have several vacant positions at this year's AGM. The Chief Minister, Adam Giles and Deputy Chief Minister, Willem Westra Van Holthe have both been invited to the AGM to discuss the CLP Government's efforts to improve recreational fishing in the Northern Territory.

The possibility of Supertrawlers in NT waters has featured heavily in the media in the last month. AFANT will emphatically oppose any measure to introduce such a vessel into Northern Territory waters and we congratulate the Chief Minister Adam Giles on writing to the Federal Government and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Barnaby Joyce, to send a clear message that a Super Trawler is not welcome in Northern Territory waters. It is refreshing to see the NT Government recognise the importance of recreational fishing both economically and to the Territory lifestyle and put this ahead of industrial fishing operations such as those carried out by Supertrawlers.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM next month.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Sloan', is written in a cursive style.

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AFANT Annual General Meeting
Sunday 6th March 2016
Time: 10:00 am
Tracy Village Social & Sports Club
28 Tambling Tce, Lyons

Annual General Meeting Business:

- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM
- Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report including Audited Financial Statements for 2015
- Election of Office Bearers

Call for Nominations

Nominations are called for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and three Committee positions.

Nomination forms are available from the AFANT Office. Nominees must be financial members of the Association. Nominations must be received in the AFANT office at least 14 days before the meeting (COB Friday 19th February).

All enquiries: (08) 8945 6455 or e-mail research@afant.com.au



FISHERIES TIP #3

Want to ensure that all fish released have the best chance of survival?

Use best practice for handling and releasing fish.

Just because you didn't catch the fish you wanted, you shouldn't treat them differently to more desirable species.

For more information visit the Fisheries website at www.dpif.nt.gov.au/Fisheries or use the NT Fishing Mate App.

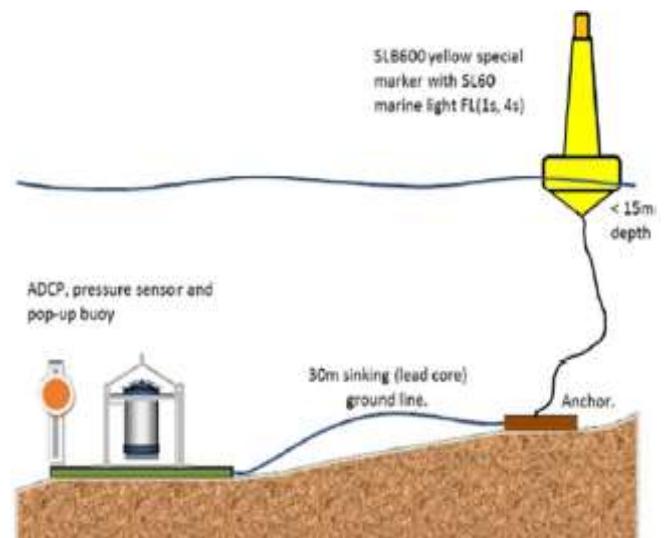
Good fishing!



Project Update - Dundee Boat Ramp

Engineering consultants GHD have conducted the following studies to help determine the best design and construction options:

- a survey of the surrounding beach area;
- sediment transport modelling;
- geological sampling and laboratory testing for acid sulfate soils;
- identification of the type and location of the surrounding substrate; and
- monitoring of wave heights and current speed and direction using an acoustic doppler current profiler (pictured).



This information will be used in design planning work during February 2016 and it is expected that tender documents for construction work will be released in March 2016.

Introductory Course to Safe Trailer Boating.

The Darwin Trailer Boat Club assisted by the Northern Territory Volunteer Coast Guard is running a one day introductory course for safe trailer boating on Sunday, February the 21st, from 10am to 5pm at the [Darwin Trailer Boat Club](#).

The cost is \$30 for Non-DTBC members in which they receive a complimentary voucher of \$30 towards DTBC membership.

For more details contact course coordinator Michael Furstner (0428 833 562) or e-mail mfurstner@ozemail.com.au



CROC BYTE #5

There are a million reasons to Be Crocwise - 280 Saltwater Crocodiles were captured in 2015!

Check out the [Croc Counter](#) for daily croc captures and locations.

Do not clean or bleed fish in or near the water's edge or from your boat. If you must clean fish out to sea, do so one kilometre offshore.

For more Croc Bytes download the [Be Crocwise fact sheet](#).

Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Marine Assist - Darwin Membership Information

Each year thousands of boat owners call on the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard to assist with mechanical problems, incorrect fuel calculations or to be rescued from situations where vessels have run aground, capsized or sunk. Last month the Darwin Volunteer Coast Guard performed 4 rescues between the 17th and 24th. Becoming a member of the Coast Guard's Marine Assist program will give you peace of mind if things go unexpectedly wrong. Only \$55 per year, Marine Assist Membership can save you thousands of dollars if you require assistance.

For further information contact Mr Kevin Bleus on 0404 816 650 or e-mail

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