



Dear Member,

You may have noticed the lack of our monthly In-Depth newsletters these last few months as I have settled into the role of Executive Officer. This was due to an exhaustive process of reviewing all of AFANT's present communication strategies and techniques.

As a consequence of this review AFANT has committed to stronger communication strategies and a more visible online presence on social media in order to become a more transparent organisation and to better represent the issues important to recreational fishing and our members.

Part of this process has included a new and improved In-Depth monthly newsletter designed to keep you up to date on any local, regional and national issues important to recreational fishing. Our website will also undergo an upgrade over the next few months to allow for easier navigation and communication.

Please enjoy the newsletter and if there are any questions you have regarding the content below please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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AFANT's Member Survey- Have your Say



Are you passionate about making fishing better in the NT?
Want to highlight local issues you believe are important?
Does your favourite estuary need help or maybe an improved boat ramp?

We would like to ask the opinions of our members in deciding priorities and future actions to improve recreational fishing opportunities in the Northern Territory through a short, confidential survey.

To participate in the survey please [click here](#).

AFANT Submission on Super Trawlers

The Amateur Fishermen's Association of the Northern Territory (AFANT) recently welcomed the opportunity to provide a submission for a Senate Enquiry into the environmental, social and economic impacts of large- capacity fishing vessels commonly known as 'Super Trawlers' operating in Australia's marine jurisdiction.

To read the submission [Click here](#)



Dinah Beach Boat Ramp

AFANT is in discussions with the Department of Transport to extend and improve the Dinah Beach Jetty due to the problem of tenders being tied to the jetty and preventing recreational fishermen from launching and retrieving their boats. Could our members please send e-mails of support that we can forward on to the Department of Transport to research@afant.com.au

Salvinia Signage for Kakadu NP

There has been a lot of concern regarding large scale outbreaks of the invasive aquatic weed Salvinia in Kakadu National Park lately, particularly in Four Mile Hole. Kakadu National Park is in the process of designing and installing increased signage warning visitors and fishermen of the dangers of accidentally transporting this weed, both at the entrance to the park and at popular fishing locations. AFANT is pleased at this process as we have serious concerns about the possibility of Salvinia being transported into the Mary River system. Recreational fishermen are reminded to take particular care in removing every trace of Salvinia from their boat, trailer and outboard motor while fishing in the Kakadu freshwater systems to avoid transporting this invasive weed

Public access to be closed at Stingray Head, Finnis River



The owners of the Finnis River Station are closing the property to public access. This includes the removal of access for recreational fishermen to the mouth of the Finnis River at Stingray Head. This closure is due to poaching, firearms use, dogs and the destruction of property.

After a suitable period of time once Finnis River Station has erected fences and appropriate signage a permit system for recreational fishermen is proposed to be put in place. All permit holders will be required to be AFANT members and abide by the AFANT Code of Conduct.

A public meeting will be held at the Dundee Social and Recreation Club on the 15th of November at 10:30am- 11:30am to discuss the closure and permit system with the public.

AFANT Submission on the Offshore Oil Petroleum Industry

AFANT was recently asked to comment on the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) proposed changes to its policy and guidance on environmental management consultation and decision-making processes. AFANT believes that significant improvements are needed in stakeholder engagement and consultation to ensure an adequate level of trust is established around the transparency of environmental management for the offshore petroleum industry.

To read the submission [click here](#)



Be CrocWise

AFANT has collaborated with the NT Government and Parks Australia to jointly produce a 'Crocwise' fact sheet to help recreational fishermen and boaters enjoy a safer day on the water.

To read the fact sheet [Click here](#)