

BLACK POINT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE (DECK) CHAIR

Another year is about to end and December has come around quicker than ever before. We started this year with two major issues facing our Community, namely the Land Revocation and Boat Ramp Walkways. The Land Revocation issue has been resolved, the Walkways are still not finalised, and we now find ourselves facing an emerging Sand Erosion problem. These issues are dealt with in more detail in this newsletter so I will not dwell on the detail here.

We are pleased to see the Yorke Peninsula Council has decided not to proceed with its proposal for the Revocation of Community Land at Black Point. The proposal was flawed from the beginning and had no chance of winning community support in the format in which it was presented. The effort put in by individual community members and the BPPA had a significant part to play in the Council's decision.

The sand erosion around the boat ramp is our next major challenge to resolve. As previously advised we have engaged an expert consultant from NSW who has inspected the beach and met with a number of you. However, it will be early next year before his report is available for serious consideration. Once we have our own independent advice and along with the views of the Coast Protection Board and Council we can make balanced and informed decisions to go forward with.

Your Committee has continued to monitor and make submissions when required on matters such as the Ceres Wind Farm, Hillside Mine, YP Council issues and a raft of other business that comes across our secretary's desk every month.

On a more positive note the Committee has made significant progress on a number of projects this year with the help of the tech savvy, younger committee members. Our new web site has been launched and it's a completely different experience to the old one. Combined with Facebook, our communication to and between members is going to be a significantly improved.

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FROM THE (DECK) CHAIR *(continued)*

Our membership database and subscription management has been rolled over into a new accounting package which will make life much easier for members paying subs and for our treasurer to keep account of our monies.

The business as usual tasks such as bin collections, maintaining the park, rabbit baiting and water trailer maintenance have continued to be carried out by selected members of our team.

This year has been another extraordinary year for committee members. The time that they have committed to the extraordinary projects has been enormous. We have attended 6 YP Council meetings, numerous Hillside Mine meetings and in Adelaide, time with lawyers, web designers and engineers. There have also been many meetings among individual committee members to deliver the results we are working towards. All the committee of the BPPA deserve a huge vote of thanks for the work they have done and the outcomes that have been achieved in 2017.

If we look at all the big picture items surrounding Black Point over the years such as Crown leases, slip lane, boat ramp and the community reserve revocation, it has been the work and influence of the BPPA that has been instrumental in achieving the outcomes we have seen. These benefits flow through to all residents, visitors and property owners at Black Point. So, as January is the start of our new subscription year I urge all those who are not members to join our association and for existing members to communicate this message to anyone they know who may not be reading our newsletter.

I would like to appeal to your Christmas spirit and generosity for 2018. Fighting the battles as we do does not come cheaply, with the association incurring additional expenditure of approximately \$12,000 pa over the past year. As we would like to keep our subscriptions at a level reflecting our normal outgoings, any additional donations to maintain our cash reserves would be very much appreciated.

So as 2017 comes to an end, on behalf of our Committee I would like to wish everyone best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year and enjoy your time at Black Point over the holiday period.

Cheers

Bill Gill

Chairman



Boat Ramp ● Barry Noble
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● Adam Wright
Newsletter ● Kym Woolford
Hillside Mine ● Graham Mattschoss
Sand Erosion ● John Gray
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Recycling Bins Manager ● Bob Walkley

REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND 14th November 2017

The Council, at its meeting on 10th May resolved to:

1. receive the 13 written submissions from authors of the original submissions and the 12 new submissions received from Black Point property owners in response to the extension of the community engagement process for the proposed revocation of community land;
2. give approval to proceed with seeking Ministerial approval for the revocation of community land classification over the Council owned property located on Black Point Road, Black Point, being allotment 201, 202, 203 & 204.
3. authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix Council's common seal to the relevant documents necessary to execute the revocation, transfer of properties and licence',

The May resolution lead to a request by Greta Lake, a Black Point property owner, for a review of the decision under Section 194 of the Local Government Act and further submissions were made to the review conducted by Norman Waterhouse Lawyers by Greta Lake, John Gray, BPPA and others. Greta, John and I also made short presentations at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday which was called to receive the advice from Norman Waterhouse and vote to proceed with revocation or not.

The Council resolved unanimously to amend the May resolution by deleting paragraphs 2 & 3 above, which means they will no longer be proceeding with the revocation of the reserves at Black Point.

This is a great result for the Black Point community with over 90% against the revocation for a wide variety of reasons. A special thanks must go to Roger Sexton for the huge effort he has put in on this matter, John Gray who was making significant submissions to Council before he joined our Committee and Kym Woolford who has not only had to deal with the additional secretarial work associated with this issue but personally made submissions to Council. Many thanks to community members including Greta Lake, Angela Bonivia, Graham Dickson and others who provided submissions or who organised the petition which all added to the cause.

I would also like to acknowledge the people who supported the Council's initial position and took the time to make submissions to the Community Consultation Process with their views and thank the Council and their staff who have put in a great deal of time and effort into this issue.

Kind regards

Bill Gill

Win for Black Point Community

Jenny OLDLAND
JOURNALIST

A PLAN to sell community land at Black Point appears dead in the water, after a special Yorke Peninsula Council meeting.

The Black Point community and progress association had condemned the plan, to ask the minister to revoke community land classification on four allotments within the town so YPC could sell the land.

The idea was first raised in 2016 and a majority of elected members voted to proceed with the attempted revocation in May.

Council engaged Norman Waterhouse Lawyers to hold an independent review into the processes leading to the elected members' decision, and that review was presented for consideration at last week's meeting.

CEO Andrew Cameron said the review involved reconsidering all previous information and new submissions regarding the decision.

"Council reconsidered all the previous information from a fresh perspective, as well as further submissions it had received, to determine the best or preferable decision for the community at this point in time," Mr Cameron said.

YPC received 12 public submissions during the extended community engagement process.

As a result, councillors voted to amend the May resolution, ceasing the process and meaning council will no longer seek approval to revoke the community land.

Black Point Progress Association welcomed the decision.

"This is the result we've been pushing for from the outset and we are happy with the outcome at this stage," chairperson Bill Gill said.

"It quickly became apparent at the end of last year, when we contacted our members, the overwhelming majority of the community was not in favour of the move.

"We couldn't understand why council was still planning on going to the minister when legal advice we obtained from Adelaide planning lawyer Brian Hayes QC indicated it would fail to get approval.

"Issues like this don't do anything to build a good relationship between the community and council."

The allotments in question were paid for by residents as part of the original land subdivision process, and held in trust by council.



NO SALE... Black Point Progress Association chairperson Bill Gill and resident Dr John Gray after making presentations to Yorke Peninsula Council last week.

BOAT RAMP WALKWAYS

As advised previously, this subject and that of dealing with the sand erosion issue are closely inter-related such that action on one could impact on the other; so the two are being progressed in parallel. Hence this report should be read in conjunction with the sand erosion report also in this Newsletter.

Two important meetings were held on 25 October 2017. Firstly, Bill Gill and Barry Noble met with Andrew Davey, Ben Wundersitz and Andrew Hollams, three Black Point owners who have stepped forward to work with the Committee on both these subjects and particularly on the sand erosion issue which they (and many other owners) are passionate about. The Committee is grateful for their contributions already, and for their commitment to continue contributing on these matters.

At this meeting, we considered we were all on the same page in the sense that priority now needed to be given to finding and implementing a solution to the sand movement issue.

However, we also considered that we should continue our efforts to keep the funding of the walkways (from both SABFAC and the Council) on the table – for four reasons:

1. the important safety issues which were the primary reason for the walkways funding first being sought and were not going to go away; they have to be dealt with;
2. the Minister's and SABFAC's re-commitment of its funding of \$184k as per the Minister's News Release of 30 June '17 (which confirmed this funding would be available from 1 July 2018), and the likelihood of this being a once-only window of opportunity;
3. the additional use of the ramp that would flow from the new artificial reef;
4. the possible commitment of perhaps \$50k from the local community. (We foreshadowed the likely need for such community funding in our previous Newsletter and invited views but so far none have come to hand.)

However, it was also agreed that no physical work would start on the walkways until a solution had been found to the sand movement issue.

The second important meeting on 25 October 2017 was the attendance by Messrs Gill and Noble at one of the Council's regular workshops. Messrs Davey, Wundersitz and Hollams also attended.

Bill Gill gave a presentation covering the recent history on the boat ramp walkways matter and referred to the authority given to the CEO at the April Council meeting to work through the safety and design issues with several parties including the BPPA. He confirmed the BPPA remained committed to that process. (This matter has since been progressed with the CEO of the Council.)

Bill also covered the four reasons for why the walkways funding should continue to be pursued (as reported above).

We fielded a couple of questions including that the consultants would consider whether any redesign of the boat ramp itself would be warranted. Some within Council felt that was most unlikely to be justified but we said we had not ruled it out (or in). We also added that the Coast Protection Board people had confirmed that the design of the walkways – with six piles driven into the sand supporting each walkway – should not impede the movement of sand.

Andrew Davey also gave a short presentation re-emphasizing that they would like to see the BPPA's and the Council's primary focus to be on the sand movement issue. In his view, and that of others, doing nothing was not an option.

Andrew also acknowledged the useful consensus that had been reached earlier that afternoon with Messrs Gill and Noble.

We were pleased that this workshop meeting with Councillors and senior staff had also achieved another of our objectives, which was to make a start on improving relationships between members of the BPPA and elected members (and senior staff) of Council.

This was confirmed during a subsequent telephone call from within Council confirming Councillors were impressed with how the two groups from Black Point had worked together and presented a largely united position. It was felt this augured well for the future. The Councillor had added that it was most important that we "secure the SABFAC funding at all costs". And we agreed the only way of ensuring this would be for the BPPA to re-apply for the Council's share of funding, and to have that application approved. Even if the actual provision of the Council's funding was contingent on a solution being found on the sand movement issue, and perhaps on some community funding being provided, that would be a great way of achieving a win/win/win outcome.

So the next step on this front is for the BPPA to work with the CEO in putting a further formal funding submission forward. As suggested earlier, please also read the Sand Erosion Report which also appears in this Newsletter.

If you would like to offer input on this matter, or to ask questions, please contact our Project Leader, Barry Noble.

SAND EROSION

As advised earlier, this subject of Sand Erosion and that of the Boat Ramp Walkways are closely inter-related and hence the two are being progressed in parallel. Hence this report should be read in conjunction with the Boat Ramp Walkways report earlier in this Newsletter.

In our last newsletter we provided a description of the serious further deterioration of the beach sand particularly on the immediate eastern side of the boat ramp. In this report we provide an update since late September.

The erosion has continued further to the east such that the depleted sand and exposed rocks and stones are now evident for about 300 cubic metres to the east of the ramp, and for another 300 cubic metres the fine sand has been depleted leaving a cover of much coarser sand and many more shells than usual. The situation is causing much angst among Black Pointers not only because of the deterioration in the recreational and visual amenity of the beach, but also because of the prospective decrease in property values and the loss of rental income from affected rental properties. There is also a safety issue here in that the exposed rocks make walking or running along this section of the beach a dangerous pastime, and there is the risk of damage to boats that are pulled up onto the beach (which has been a practice of boat owners for years).

We have made the point to the Council that these same issues should be causing them concern as well, firstly because of the impact on the Council owned caravan park to the immediate east of the ramp, and secondly because of the prospective reduction in rates received from Black Point that would flow from any loss in property values. And the aggregate of rates they collect from Black Point is large indeed, such that Black Point is a significant income earner for them.

As reported in our last Newsletter, we decided to seek professional advice on the following issues:

- the likely causes of the erosion;
- the long term implications;
- the recommended steps to replenish the lost sand on the eastern side of the ramp;
- what steps may be taken to prevent further such erosion;
- the estimated cost of engaging consultants and of any remediation work that will be required.

On 19th September we met on-site with the Mayor, CEO and another senior officer of Council to make sure they were aware of the extent of the issue, and of the extent of angst it was causing among Black Point property owners. We emphasised that the growing view among owners was that something had to be done; doing nothing was not an issue. The Council representatives were sympathetic but understandably non-committal. We rejected their suggestion that we could further extend the "wait and see" strategy to see the extent to which the sand loss was recovered over the coming summer.

We met on site on 5th October with Dr Murray Townsend and another representative from the Coast Protection Board (CPB) and have since received a written response dated 9 November from them. Their key conclusions were that:

- There appears to be a seasonal variation in the direction of sand drift, with summer weather causing a drift to the north-west, and in winter a drift to the south-east. In recent years the winter drift has outweighed the summer drift such that the lowering of the sand level on the south east side of the ramp could be as much as 0.75m.
- According to the CPB, the primary issue is a loss of recreational amenity, not of unsafe erosion.
- The loss of sand has been caused by the net south easterly drift being interrupted by the ramp acting as a groyne across the beach. The net loss has been in the order of 500 to 1,900 cu metres per year, and at least 1,500 meters over the last three years.
- The lost sand appears to have been deposited mainly in the area of the Point.
- There is some evidence of sand bypassing the seaward end of the ramp but not in sufficient amounts to retain beach equilibrium.
- The accumulation of sand to the immediate north west of the ramp is likely to be too small in volume to be used to replenish the loss of sand on the south east side.
- A single replenishment of sand of 2,000 to 3,000 cu metres should be sufficient to last 2 to 3 years, although this would be dependent on the weather; and it would allow an assessment of the utility of such sand carting.
- If it is decided to undertake sand carting, the CPB recommended that the sand be sourced from the area of the Point at the eastern extremity of the beach.
- An application would need to be made via the Council and the CPB would authorize such sand carting. The suggestion was that such authorization would be readily forthcoming.
- While not included in the written report, during the discussion on-site, Dr Townsend did not think that an engineering modification to the ramp (to facilitate the free-flow of sand over or under or around it) would be economically viable.

In mid September we decided to seek independent professional advice from the private sector and sought expressions of interest from three suitably qualified consultants to be engaged by the BPPA and/or jointly with Council to address the situation. That resulted in the appointment of Mr. Doug Lord of Coastal Environment Pty Ltd.

In his proposal of 2nd October he divided the study into two stages. The first would be to provide a considered opinion as to the likely causes, future outcomes and a possible path to feasible solutions. Stage 2 would be the provision of a fee proposal to justify the solutions and provide broad costs for potential works that may be required and/or ongoing maintenance costs. We accepted a fee of \$6,000 + GST for Stage 1, with a decision to be made on Stage 2 once we have seen Stage 1.

(We also wrote to Council asking them to share 50% of these Stage 1 costs. We have not yet had a response but understand that the staff recommendation to be considered at the Council Meeting on 13 December is to reject our request.) This has now been confirmed-Editor.

Meetings were arranged for interested members to discuss the issues with Doug Lord on 4 December in Adelaide and 5th December in Black Point.

While Mr Lord did stress at these meetings that he was still in the information gathering stage, he did say that the new ramp was almost certainly a major cause of the problems, but perhaps not the only one. Extreme weather conditions could have contributed as well.

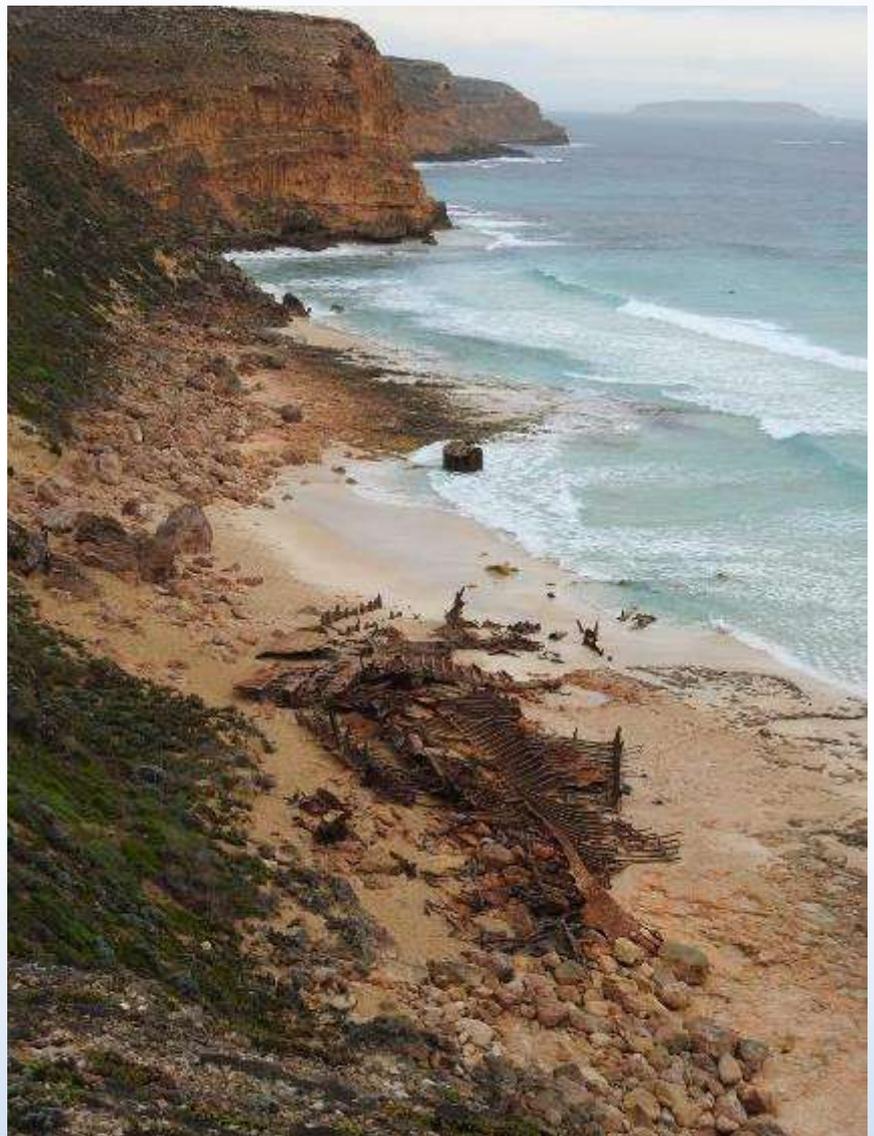
Mr Lord undertook to have a preliminary report to us before Christmas and a more researched and considered report to us by end January '18.

It would appear at this early stage that the possible options can be narrowed down to three:

- do nothing and see what nature does or doesn't do;
- adopt a sand carting solution, which may need to be repeated every three years or so (or at a greater or lesser interval);
- implement a major engineering modification to the ramp.

The costs of repatriating the beach have yet to be determined and will be contingent on an agreed way forward with the CPB, Council and possibly SABFAC. Combined with the Boat Ramp Walkways project, as previously flagged, some contribution will probably be required from the Black Point community.

We will consider all the available reports in early 2018 and advise on progress accordingly and, in the meantime, if you would like to offer input on this important matter or ask questions, please contact our Project Leader, John Gray via email jandcgray@bigpond.com. Alternatively, you could contact our Chairman Bill Gill or our Committee Member Barry Noble on the phone numbers shown on the first page of his Newsletter.



Sand deletion is an issue State wide at the moment as highlighted by the current exposure of the Ethel wreck in Innes National Park.

VALE BOB PERRY

It is with much sadness that the BPPA informs the community of the passing of our friend and mate, Bob Perry. Bob was committed to fostering community spirit and was often more humorous than serious, more creative than plain and definitely more engaging than quiet.

Everybody at Black Point owes Bob extreme thanks for his significant contribution to our community. Most of us are benefiting unknowingly from Bob's contributions. Bob, along with other committee members of our association then known as the Black Point Shack Owners Association, were successful in negotiations with the firm Prodec (a land developer), farm owner Max Arbon, The District Council of YP, Department of Crown Lands, Department of Roads and the Land Titles Office in forming what we now know as Black Point. The importance of this is being largely lost over time and is not known by those who have become Black Pointers since 1997. It was a huge achievement by all involved which we are grateful for.

Furthermore Bob instigated the fire/water trailer, the defibrillator, first aid courses, fire hose demonstrations, the additional signage around Black Point, our newsletters and much more..... but it was community events that were his passion. Some may remember the "The Coopers Regatta" and many will remember the "Seafood Harvest Festival" and the "Tea in the Sea" community events. The Seafood Harvest Festivals were so successful it caused it's own demise. It became bigger than Ben Hur. Those involved including Bob's wife Heather, friends and Black Pointers simply ran out of steam, but Bob was always willing to have another go even with his failing health.

Most people who were involved in projects with Bob over the years would be aware of his constant acquisitions to further improve the staging of these and other events. Whether it be more speakers, amplifiers, microphones, cameras, batter mixers, deep fryers, two way radios, extension leads, hot dog makers, ice makers, tools, hardware etc.... the list goes on.

The first time I (the editor) seriously talked to Bob was at a well known hardware store chain where he had a shopping trolley full of tools and bits and pieces. He made two statements that will always stay in my mind. The first was "I bought these tools because I did not have one and it might come in handy one day" and Bob's second pearler was "I needed one, so I might as well buy two - so I will have a spare". You cannot beat logic like that.

Away from Black Point he had many interests including being a volunteer St Johns Ambulance man, Childrens Variety Bash entrant and cameraman, Bay to Birdwood car entrant in one of his three fire trucks and further community-based events including the huge Gawler Car Club Swap Meet. Bob and family also created the hugely successful Body, Mind and Psychic Expo. Most would not realise he was a regular in Adelaide lounge rooms as a TV reporter for Channel 9 or that you may have read one of his letters or "Boomer" articles in the Advertiser. Besides being a reporter on both TV and radio, he became Chief of Staff for 9 News before eventually teaching his trade to his two sons under the umbrella of his own media company.

The BPPA and community sincerely thank his wife Heather, daughter Michelle and sons Sean and Scott for sharing Bob with us.

Condolences to the Perrys and any Black Pointers who have lost family.



Bob Perry getting into the spirit at the Tea in the Sea event in 2014.

New website: www.blackpointsa.com.au

New website address and Facebook instigated

www.blackpointsa.com.au

www.facebook.com/blackpointprogressassociation/

The BPPA is undergoing a facelift in some areas. Please note the change of website address above and the establishment of a facebook site. Please like. The original website created with the expertise of Greg Harmer has served us very well in the past but an upgrade is now warranted. The new website under the guidance of Nathan Casserly is currently linked through to the existing website, but eventually you will need to update to the new address. Many thanks to Greg, initially for getting the BPPA into the electronic age and to Nathan, for the advancement and expansion into the world of Facebook.

Another change to come is a new Membership Invoicing system which we hope to have ready for the coming financial year – fingers crossed.

Any concerns with either, please contact us and we would appreciate your email addresses to receive this newsletter electronically rather than the postal version. Send to Kym at: vhw@bigpond.com *Importantly, the BPPA will not pass onto a third party any of your personal information.

SNAKES

Once again a timely reminder as it is predicted to be a strong snake season this year. Snakes will start to emerge from hibernation as the weather warms, looking for food. Many properties have been quiet over recent months and this allows snakes to take up residence much closer to people than we prefer. As more activity and noise occurs around your property over the coming weeks, hopefully most snakes will retreat to the scrub.

But be vigilant for yourself, your children & your pets. Teach children of the dangers and school yourself up on what to do in an emergency.

It is not advised you tackle a snake yourself, but if you wish to have the snake removed, ring a professional such as Peter from NEFF, a snake catching service on YP on 0416 402569.

SNAKE BITE ANTI-VENOM from the Pine Point Progress Association.

I have made some enquiries with the District Council and they have confirmed that Wallaroo Hospital holds brown snake anti-venom and also a broad spectrum anti-venom.

Yorke town Hospital holds anti-venom for brown snake and tiger snake.

We also have been advised that Minlaton Accident & Emergency also carry brown snake anti-venom.

PLEASE BE AWARE

Ardrossan and Maitland Hospitals have advised they DO NOT HOLD any anti-venom at all.

The Progress Association thought that everyone should be aware with regard to anti-venom if the situation arises that snake bite has occurred on where to go for assistance that best suits you.

CROWN LAND LEASES AND ANNUAL LICENSE

Still, still, still waiting! But we are keeping an eye on it.

BLACK POINT MEMORIAL WALL

We continue to accept applications for inclusion on the Memorial Wall. If you need application form or assistance contact Kym.

FERAL CATS

Feral cats appear to be on the rise after a strong couple of seasons of mice. To help minimise them please be thoughtful about leaving scrap food around for these predators. I personally have seen a feral cat dragging a crab net through the scrub where someone had left it outside with the crab bait still within it. Think!

BAIT WARNING – RABBITS AND FOXES AND MICE

This is just a note to inform everyone that local farmers are baiting for foxes and mice, and that the BPPA also continue to replenish rabbit bait stations. So please be aware when out walking on trails or in the bush.

HILLSIDE MINE

Rex's PEPR Deadline Extended until 26th February 2018

Rex Minerals' Program for Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR) was due to be submitted to Government on 16th September 2017. This document must demonstrate;

- how the Company will operate the Hillside Mine to meet all 96+ conditions stipulated in its Hillside Mining Lease and
- address/resolve all inconsistencies between the full scale project approved by Govt in August 2014 and the smaller scale start up operations now planned for Hillside.

In August, the Company applied for an extension of time. However, it was not until the 2 October (two weeks after the 18th Sept. deadline) that the Government finally approved Rex's request. The PEPR must now be submitted by 26th February 2018.

This is the third time Rex has asked to extend their PEPR deadline. On the two previous occasions – on 16th Sept 2015 and 16th Sep 2016 - the extension was granted a number of weeks before the deadline was reached. This time, the decision has “gone down to the wire”. No official reason has been given for the Government's delay on this occasion.

The need for an extension

In its recent ASX Releases, Rex justified its extension application on the grounds that more time was needed for community consultation, as requested by the HMCV.

YPLOG agrees this extension was necessary. However, it is also clear it would not have been required if the draft plans had been finalised and released in a more timely manner during the 12 months Rex have had to complete the PEPR document.

Release of draft Surface Water Management Plan

On the 4th October Rex Minerals released its draft Surface Water Management Plan for community consultation. It can be viewed or downloaded at:

<https://yorke.sa.gov.au/community-services/engagement/hillside-mine-community-voice/rex-draft-management-plans/>

The draft Mine Closure and Rehabilitation Management Plan has still not be released.

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HILLSIDE MINE (continued)

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HILLSIDE MINE – PLANS FOR MONITORING DUST & NOISE IMPACT, & RAIN WATER TANK TESTING

In our previous Newsletter we provided an extensive report on developments with the Hillside Mine, and particularly on Rex Minerals' program for Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR). In this Newsletter we provide an update.

It is worth repeating that the long held BPPA position is that we do not have an official view one way or the other on whether the mine should be going ahead; but if it is to go ahead we support the good work being made by the community, in conjunction with Rex Minerals and the State Government, to ensure the environmental and rehabilitation issues are properly attended to.

In October and November BPPA Committee members had useful meetings with Rex representatives.

With dust or air quality monitoring, the Rex plan continues to be to install five real time air quality monitors (RTMs) at various points around the mine site with the closest to Black Point being a site just north of Pine Point.

Supplementing this first line of defence will be a second line of defence consisting of 10 to 15 dust deposition gauges (DDGs) and in this case the closest of these to Black Point will be just south of the Pine Point township. DDGs tend to be left in position for a month or so and then moved around where necessary.

In addition Rex re-confirmed they are prepared to put one of these DDGs at Black Point, probably in one of the houses at the NW end of Black Point (with the owner's concurrence).

Rex will also be setting up a similar system of **noise monitors** – known as Sound Level Analysers (SLAs) and these real time monitors will be in similar positions to the dust RTMs. The closest one to Black Point will again be at Pine Point, and Rex consider this would be more than adequate to monitor any undue noise well before it got to Black Point.

They would also be prepared to put an Attendant Noise Monitor (ANM) at Black Point, perhaps in a similar position to the (dust) DDG, which would effectively be a second line of defence.

The final drafts of the dust and noise monitoring sections of Rex's full Management Plan should be available shortly.

Rain Water Tank testing (the third line of defence) will continue to be limited generally to an area within four kms radius of the mine site. However, Rex have now decided to make an exception and this service will be offered to a group of adjacent houses at the NW end of Black Point.

All in all, we found these meetings useful. Our concerns had been listened to and appropriate commitments given, and we appreciated that.

Readers who have any questions on any of these issues would best contact in the first instance our Project Leader on Hillside Mine matters, Graham Mattschoss.



FLYING DRONES OR MODEL AIRCRAFT RECREATIONALLY

The BPPA have received reports from within the community of being intimidated by flying drones at Black Point and therefore we wish to alert drone and model plane operators of their responsibilities legally and morally. We do not wish anybody to curtail any legal activities of enjoyment at Black Point but hope all will live by the adage that “we only do to others what we wish them to do to us”.

Please obey the rules and respect the privacy and feelings of other Black Pointers. If you have issues with the operation of drones, please contact the Ardrossan Police on 8837 3017.

From the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA): The recreational drone safety rules are designed to protect other people in the air and on the ground. You must not fly your drone in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, person or property, so follow our rules every time you fly.

The rules

The interim measures allow recreational drone users to have a simple set of rules:

- You must not fly above 120 metres in all locations
- You must not fly your drone in the area of a public safety or emergency operation, for example a bushfire, police, or search and rescue operation
- You must not fly within 30 metres of people, unless the other person is essential to controlling or navigating the drone
- You must respect other people’s privacy.
- You must operate only one drone at a time
- If your drone weighs more than 100 grams:
 - you must not fly within 5.5 kilometres of a controlled aerodrome (usually those that have a control tower) at any time
 - you must not begin flying within 5.5 kilometres of a non-controlled aerodrome if there is a manned aircraft operating to, or from, the aerodrome
- You must safely manoeuvre your drone away from the path of a manned aircraft and land as soon as safely possible if you become aware that a manned aircraft is operating to or from the non-controlled aerodrome or helicopter landing site
- You must not fly at night or through cloud or fog
- When flying you must be able to see your drone with your own eyes (not just on your app screen, first person view goggles or binoculars)
- You must not fly over people
- You must not fly in designated restricted areas.



The interim measures do not apply to all drone flyers. If you hold a remote pilot licence (RePL) and operate according to a remotely piloted aircraft operator certificate (ReOC) or have an authorisation from CASA, you will be exempt from the new measures.

MOORING MAINTENANCE

With the impending lower tides during Summer, it is an ideal time to check the condition of moorings for your watercraft - especially as the expected annual northerlies will occur.

Check for;

- Worn and weak chain links and shackles.
- Frayed ropes. (Replace with rope that sinks or is weighted to avoid propellor fouling).
- Easily visible mooring buoy. Not covered in growth or partially submerged.

- Unwanted growth on ropes and buoys. Spat oysters regularly appear on ropes which can cut hands with one rope slip. Also Blue Ringed Octopi can be found in the growth.

Check if the mooring is of the appropriate material and size for your watercraft. Many upgrade boats without considering the extra strain on their moorings.

Take into account the extremes conditions of a high tide with wave swells from a northerly direction which will have many boats either lifting the mooring from the sea bed or swamping them when moorings are too tight.



RED ALERT!

Liberal Party plans to abolish RecFish SA as Peak Body for Recreational Fishing in SA

Dear Members

On Tuesday 28/11, the Shadow Minister for Fisheries, Mr David Ridgway, MLC, announced the Liberal Party election policy to remove RecFish SA as the Peak Body for recreational fishing in SA and replace it with a hand picked Recreational Fishing Council. This policy removes the independent voice for recreational fishers from fisheries decision making.

The Liberal Party have justified the policy on the basis that RecFish SA has lost the support of recreational fishers and that other organisations including the South Australian Fishing Alliance, RecFish Central and FishnSA, better represent recreational fishers. We know little of the makeup and governance standards of these organisations other than what they proclaim through social media.

The Liberal Party did not contact RecFish SA at all prior to this announcement.

To make matters worse, the proposed Recreational Fishing Council will not have direct access to the Minister but will have to direct its advice through a resurrected Fisheries Council which will include predominant representation from the commercial sector. A Fisheries Council previously existed in SA and was a disaster for recreational fishers; from which are still trying to recover.

We call on all of our loyal members to spread the word about this attack on recreational fishing and let the Liberal Party know that this is not something that we will stand by and accept.

For further information, please contact Danny Simpson, Executive Director RecFish SA (details below)

Mob. 0400 774 447 | ed@recfishsa.org.au

THE PINE POINT COMMUNITY POSTAL AGENCY HAS MOVED

"WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THERE IS SOME UNCOLLECTED MAIL AT THE NEW POST OFFICE FOR COLLECTION. PLEASE SEE OPENING TIMES BELOW."

The Pine Point Community Postal Agency has relocated to Pine Point Community Hall at 50 Main Coast Road, Pine Point.

Mail is available for collection from the Community Hall during the following hours:

Monday to Friday 11:30am - 1:30pm.

Post Office Boxes are now securely installed and located at the rear of the Pine Point Town Hall.

Post Box numbers are unchanged and the new keys are available for collection when regular mail services are provided.

The **RED MAIL BOX** for posting letters is now situated at the Hall grounds by the fence of the Pine Point Caravan Park.

This Box will be cleared daily between 11.30am- 12.00noon Monday to Friday.

We thought we would let you know we still have available mail boxes for rental.

Our rental fees are as follows:	SMALL BOXES	\$29.00 per year
	MEDIUM BOXES	\$48.00 per year
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Any one interest please let us know.

Kind regards

Secretary Pine Point Progress Association

Wendy Magor



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SA RECREATIONAL FISHING GUIDE

PIRSA have advised that the SA Recreational Fishing Guide has moved entirely to an online version, together with an app, SA Fishing.

http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fisheries/recreational_fishing/recfishingapp

Suspicious fishing activity can be reported to FISHWATCH on 1800 065 522.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

We wish to remind all Black Pointers that the membership year now coincides with the calendar year ie, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. If you do not have a 2015 BPPA Member sticker on your rubbish bins and your bins are not returned off the roadway you are not financial members. If you believe you are financial members and have not received your sticker please contact Kym Woolford.

At the request of all Members present at the BPPA AGM at Easter 2013, we will be publishing in future Newsletters the property numbers of who are financial members of the BPPA.

Therefore to avoid embarrassment - make sure you are Financial now.

We also wish to encourage you to provide email addresses to replace postal addresses for distribution of the Newsletter. This will keep membership costs down and reduce the work load for distribution of the Newsletter. Other benefits include a colour Newsletter with clear photos which enhances the reading of the Newsletter. Please send email addresses to Kym at yhw@bigpond.com.

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MEMBERSHIP 2018

Your 2018 Membership is due from the 1st of January 2018.

Under the guidance of Adam Wright and Treasurer Andrew Clarkson, a new format is to be implemented to distribute Membership Invoices, receipts and ultimately, newsletters and messages.

The BPPA intends to distribute Membership Invoices shortly – please stand by.

Thank you to all Committee, Members and the staff of the Yorke Peninsula Council that have had input in this Newsletter.

Democracy alive and well

YORKE Peninsula Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, November 14, to reconsider its decision in May when elected members voted to revoke the classification of community land at Black Point and to sell it for council's financial gain despite overwhelming community opposition.

Democracy appears to be alive and well on YP. Having reconsidered, all elected members voted unanimously to support us and overturned their previous decision.

The review came about after council received a request to review its decision under Section 270 of the Local Government Act. The YP Country Times has been proactive in raising the issue and I thank the paper for its role in the democratic process.

It appears council made errors and omissions in its process. The community engagement process seemed to be particularly flawed. The relevant section of the act also appeared to have been misinterpreted. The external reviewer's report has been sealed from public view for one year but in the end the important issue is democracy has been preserved and the correct decision reflects a just result.

Councillors can't get every decision right and I appreciate the pressures on council to balance the books and provide services.

I also acknowledge Councillors Adam Meyer, Veronica Brundell and Alan Headon who supported our community from the initial vote, and acknowledge Cr Tania Stock abstained due to a conflict of interest. Eventually all councillors supported our community and I thank them.

We look forward to, in future, working inclusively, openly and cooperatively with our elected members and the administration of council. I also thank those who provided submissions to council during the process, those who provided their thoughts to the YP Country Times, and Member for Goyder Steven Griffiths for his interest and input.

Dr John Gray, Black Point



Warren Wilson making use of one of the new seats provided by Council within the MHP on the Walk the Yorke trail.

SHACK RENTAL LISTINGS

As a service to all members, we are interested in compiling a list of shacks that are available for rent. At times the Association receives requests for a shack to rent. This not only comes from visitors but also Black Pointers who wish to suggest a shack to family or friends. We will list shack numbers and a contact avenue as people wish in the newsletter. This will be a free service to members. Please contact the secretary, Kym Woolford via phone or at vhw@bigpond.com. Also, on BP Online, the listings can be placed on www.blackpoint.org.au. Members just need to fill out an online form, provide some details about the shack, and a listing will be automatically generated.

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77	Andrew Underwood	8295 8155	0407 723 563
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401	Andrew Underwood		0407 723 563
402	Bruce Debenham	8373 7672	0488 294 560
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39 Black Point Road.	Donna Griffiths	0408 323093	
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March

Jan 3rd

Feb 7th

March 7th

IMPORTANT CHANGE:

NO NEW YEARS DAY PICK-UP INSTEAD TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY.

NO STONES ON RUBBISH BIN LIDS BY ORDER OF COUNCIL



BIRD WATCH

The Hooded Plover breeding season is well underway on Yorke Peninsula with a number of nests and newly hatched chicks reported over the past month. Natural Resources Northern and Yorke staff work with Bird Life Australia, local government, the community and Friends of Hooded Plover volunteers to protect the birds and their young at this vulnerable time. You can help the plovers by following these simple tips when at the beach:

Look out for temporary signs at access points or on the beach alerting you to the presence of nesting birds, and follow the guidelines

If you see a Hooded Plover on the beach, walk another 100 metres before settling on the sand

Avoid walking in the dunes and upper beach, keep to the water's edge

Keep your dog on a leash. If your dog must be off-leash, find out which beaches are free of nesting birds and have off-leash access. Always walk your dog on a leash if there are nesting birds

Don't leave your dog unattended while you are surfing or swimming

If you drive a vehicle or ride a horse along the beach, visit at low tide and keep to the wet sand near the water's edge

These birds are very vulnerable and are regulars to the beaches immediately adjacent to Black Point especially south from the Point. Please be vigilant.

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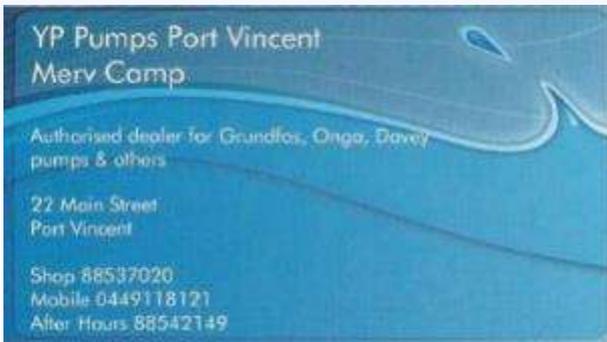
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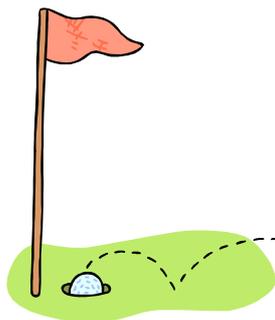
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Facts you should know about what is happening in our fisheries

King George Whiting

- ✓ *KING GEORGE WHITING STOCKS IN GULF ST VINCENT AND SPENCER GULF ARE CLASSIFIED AS "TRANSITIONAL DEPLETING."*
- ✓ *THE AMOUNT OF FISH THAT CAN BE CAUGHT IN NETS BY COMMERCIAL MARINE SCALE FISHERS IS UNCAPPED, MEANING THAT COMMERCIAL NETTERS CAN CATCH AS MANY FISH AS THEY ARE CAPABLE OF HANDLING. (SOURCE: FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT, 2007)*
- ✓ *COMMERCIAL NETTING FOR KING GEORGE WHITING OCCURS ONLY IN THE NURSERY AREAS OF THE SPENCER GULF AND GULF ST VINCENT.*
- ✓ *COMMERCIAL NETTING OF KING GEORGE WHITING ACCOUNTS FOR 30% OF THE COMMERCIAL CATCH IN THE GULFS.*

DID YOU KNOW

- *COMMERCIAL NETTING FOR KING GEORGE WHITING IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE SA'S WEST COAST*
- *KING GEORGE WHITING STOCKS ON THE WEST COAST OF SA ARE CLASSIFIED AS "SUSTAINABLE"*
- *THE WEST COAST OF SA PRODUCES ABOUT HALF OF THE TOTAL COMMERCIAL CATCH OF KING GEORGE WHITING*

Source: Fowler A.J., McGarvey, R., Carroll, J. and Feenstra, J.E. (2014) King George Whiting (*Sillaginodes punctatus*) Fishery. Fishery Assessment Report to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture. SARDI Aquatic Sciences, Adelaide. Report 801

Garfish

- ✓ *GARFISH ARE CONSIDERED OVERFISHED IN NORTHERN GULF ST VINCENT*
- ✓ *THE MANAGEMENT REGIME THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR GARFISH IS INSUFFICIENT TO RECOVER STOCKS*
- ✓ *THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FISHING PRESSURE IN NORTHERN GSV IS AT A POINT WHERE THE RESILIENCE OF GARFISH STOCK HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.*
- ✓ *THE COMMERCIAL FISHERY ACCOUNTS FOR 76.9% OF THE CATCH OF GARFISH ACROSS SA (2013/14)*
- ✓ *HAUL NETS ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 90% OF THE COMMERCIAL CATCH OF GARFISH*
- ✓ *MOST OF THE COMMERCIAL GARFISH CATCH IS TAKEN IN THE UPPER GULF AREAS*
- ✓ *JUVENILE KGW UNDER 32 CM CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT BYCATCH OF GARFISH HAUL NETS AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR*

SOURCE: Steer, M.A., McGarvey, R., Carroll, J., Jackson, W. B., Lloyd, M. T. and Feenstra, J. E. (2016). Southern Garfish (*Hyporhamphus melanochir*) Fishery. Fishery Assessment Report to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture (PDF 1.6 MB). South Australian Research and Development Institute (Aquatic Sciences), Adelaide. SARDI Publication No. F2007/000720-4. SARDI Research Report Series No. 891. 75pp.

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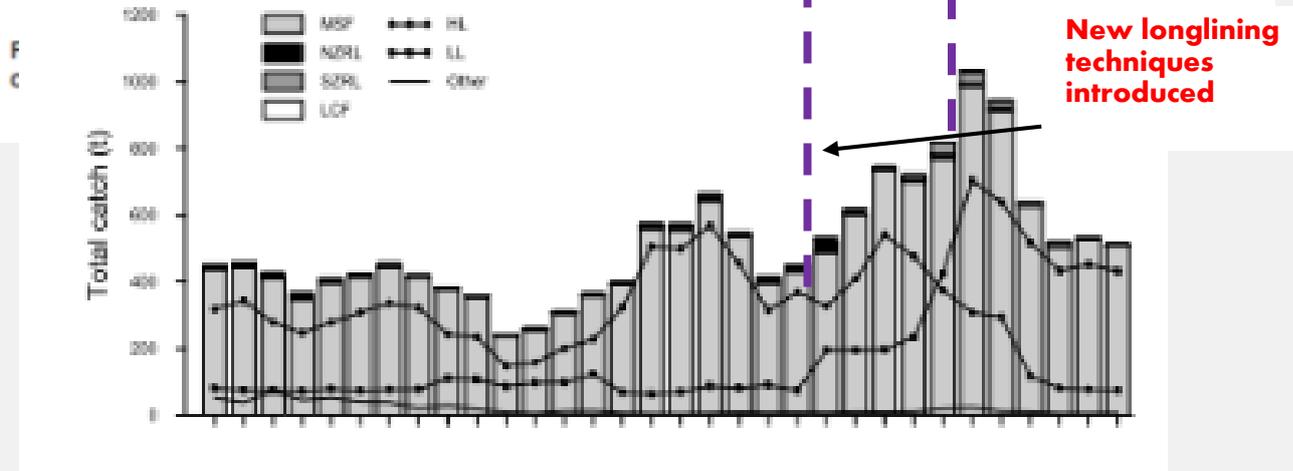
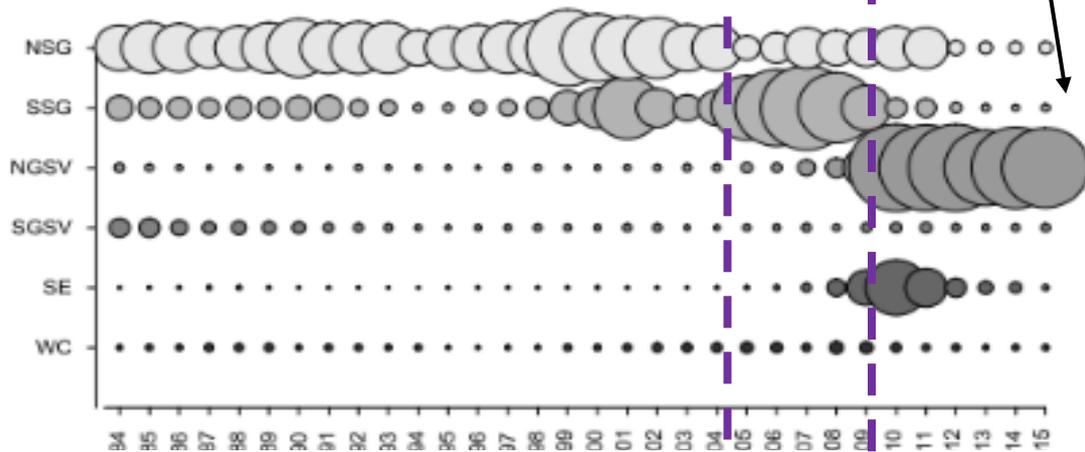
- ✓ *COMMERCIAL SNAPPER CATCH REACHED RECORD LEVELS IN 2010 WHEN 1,035T WERE CAUGHT, BEFORE DECLINING BY MORE THAN 50% TO 512T IN 2015.*
- ✓ *LONGLINE CATCH INCREASED CONSIDERABLY BETWEEN 2008 AND 2010 AND IS NOW THE DOMINANT GEAR TYPE.*



- ✓ **TRADITIONALLY MOST OF THE COMMERCIAL SNAPPER CATCH HAS COME FROM NORTHERN SPENCER GULF. THIS AREA NOW CONTRIBUTES VERY LITTLE TO THE STATE WIDE COMMERCIAL CATCH OF SNAPPER.**
- ✓ **LONGLINE EFFORT INCREASED BY OVER 840% IN NORTHERN GSV IN THE PAST 5 YEARS**
- ✓ **GULF ST VINCENT NOW CONTRIBUTES THE GREATEST AMOUNT TO THE COMMERCIAL CATCH OF SNAPPER**

Spencer Gulf declines, attention of long-liners turns to NGSV

Given the experience of Spencer Gulf, what will happen to NGSV?



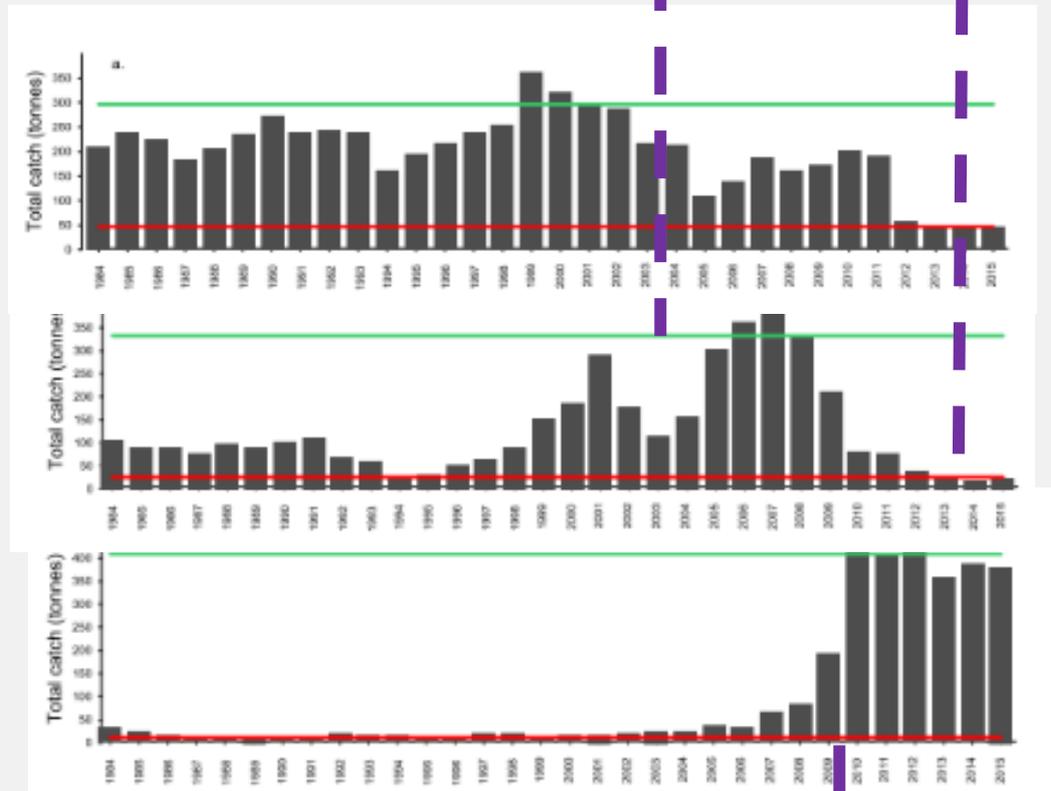
Upper Spencer Gulf – traditional Snapper Mecca

Southern Spencer Gulf

Gulf St Vincent

Declining stocks correspond with increasing non-traditional long-lining of spawning aggregations in Southern Spencer Gulf

Depleted Stocks in SG



840% increase in GSV

SOURCE: Fowler, A.J., McGarvey, R., Feenstra, J.E., Jackson, W.B. and Lloyd, M.T. (2016) Snapper (*Chrysophorus auratus*) Fishery. Fishery Assessment Report to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture. SARDI Aquatic Sciences, Adelaide Report No. 930