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Teemburra, Eungella & Kinchant Dams

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This newsletter will be a bit like the fishing of late, not a lot to talk about – however there are a couple important things to mention.

AGM.

Yes it's that time of year again . Our annual general meeting will be held on Thursday 18th August, 7.30 pm at the Gordan White Library , North Mackay. Now I know some people get worried about attending AGMs afraid that they will be pressured into taking on a job in the committee, but rest assured we won't force you into doing something you don't want to do. What we would like to see is a good role up, so we actually have enough financial members to hold a meeting, and if you are interested in being on the committee please let us know. I would also like to thank the present committee for the excellent job they've done over the last 12 months. Please remember that memberships are now due and to vote at the meeting you need to be a financial member. Hope to see you all Thursday night.

EUNGELLA SURVEY

Seven members recently enjoyed a cool and sometimes windy weekend at Eungella Dam. A couple of members got an early start to the weekend, arriving on Thursday and Friday when the weather was fair and some good sooties were landed, there was even a hit by a barra. Saturday was windy and the fish didn't seem as active as the previous days. Thank god for electric motors on those windy days up in the trees, and isn't fun trying to pull in a big sootie, steer the electric, dodge the overhead branch, miss the tree in front and grab the net while the wind pushes you along at ten mile an hour. Saturday night saw the wind pick up and a few of us braved some of Darrens currie just to keep warm, and then the wind really picked up. Only joking, it was a great feed prepared by Darren and his apprentice Russell. After a windy night we awoke to a rather bleak Sunday morning and everybody was fairly keen to pack up and leave the fish for another day, and we won't talk about my four wheel drive which decided to pack it in on the way home. It's just so painful! One thing is for sure, Eungella Dam is always interesting and that's why we love it.

HATCHERY NEWS

As you would probably expect things are fairly quiet at the hatchery, however there should be a working bee coming up shortly to move some dirt with the assistance of a backhoe. This should be decided at our next meeting, so keep those tools handy.

Newsletter continued.

DAM LEVELS -as of 8/8/2005

Kinchant Dam – 50 %

Eungella Dam - 19 %

Teemburra Dam –28 %

WEBSITE – Don't forget to check out the MAFSA website on www.mafsa.org

MAFSA SHIRTS AND BADGES

We are looking at doing another run on MAFSA shirts and badges and are taking numbers now. Brent Taylor has sourced some different styles of shirts which were displayed at our July meeting. The two styles available are a polo shirt and an executive waffle shirt . Prices will be round \$48.00 for the executive waffle and \$27.00 for the polo. Badges are \$8.00 each.

BARRA COMPETITION

As you may have read in the media there will be a barra competition in our area around the middle of November. This competition will held over a number of impoundments in Queensland and is sure to create a lot of interest. The 2005 Daiwa Barra Tour is being run by ABT and consists of three, two day events and two midweek overnight events. Our local Teemburra Dam is one of those midweek night events on the 16th of November, running between 4pm and 8am. MAFSA will no doubt support this event as best we can.

Barra Tour Calander

Nov 11-12 Round 1 - Lake Awoonga, Gladstone QLD

Nov 16 Teemburra Night Championships - Teemburra Dam, Mackay, QLD

Nov 18 – 19 Round 2 – Peter Faust Dam, Proserpine, QLD

Nov 21 Faust Night Championships – Peter Faust Dam, Proserpine, QLD

Nov 25 –26 Round 3 – Tinaroo Dam, Atherton Tablelands, QLD

For entry forms and a full rundown of the rules and registrations, visit www.australianbarra.com.au or call ABT on (07) 32683992 b/h.

See you all at the AGM!!!