



Annual Report 2019/2020



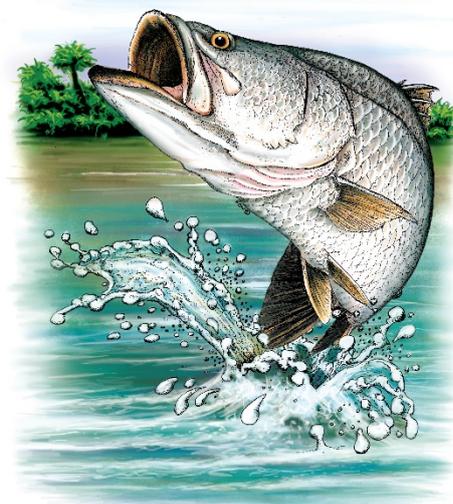
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David Ciaravolo
Chief Executive Officer



Joanne Rudd
Administration Officer

Governance Update

In accordance with the *NT Associations Act* and the AFANT Constitution the Elected Committee and the Executive, are charged with the responsibility for the governance and strategic management of the association. The CEO is charged with the management of day to day operations, in accordance with agreed strategy. Some important governance updates for 2019/20 include:

- The Governance sub-committee comprising members of the AFANT Elected Committee (Roxsean Edwards, Josie Short & Geoff Bird) and the CEO, reviewed, updated, or authored the following policies:
 - Committee Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Staff Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Register of Interests
 - Committee Member Role and Responsibilities Protocol
 - Web and Social Media Terms of Use Policy
 - Pandemic Response Policy
- Following constitutional reform in 2019, The 2019/20 year saw the alignment of AFANT's financial year in line with the conventional financial year (July 1 – June 30)
- The Governance Sub-committee is currently reviewing and updating several policies and procedures including in the areas of procurement, financial delegation, and Committee Member recruitment

Training since last Annual Report

- Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Josie Short completed a Certificate in Not-for-Profit Governance
- CEO David Ciaravolo Completed a Diploma of Not for Profit Business Governance
- Administration Officer Joanne Rudd completed governance and financial systems training
- Four Committee Members completed formal governance training

President's Report

As I reflect on AFANT's 40th year representing our recreational fishing community, it is fair to say that we have seen a lot of changes and a lot of challenges over that time. Though navigating our way through a global pandemic, as we have had to in 2020, is certainly a first for us, as it has been for everyone.

I would like to acknowledge that over a period of four decades, AFANT's legacy and accomplishments are in no small part due to the dedication and commitment of our incredible community and our members. It requires no exaggeration on my part, to say that here in the NT, we are the envy of so many Australian recreational fishers. This is not only because of the high quality and diverse fishing experiences we have on offer, but also due to the genuine community leadership of our sector. I pay tribute to all the volunteers, the individuals from all walks of life, the businesses, and the fishing clubs that have contributed to a history we can all be very proud of.



I take this opportunity to thank the AFANT Committee for their service over the past 18-months. To our experienced Committee Members Dennis, Rocky, Geoff, Josie, Evan, Megan and Bomber; as well as to Alastair and Brent who as new Committee members have contributed generously during their first term. I also thank Melita who finished up her service earlier this year. I acknowledge all their valuable contributions and their steady hands in guiding our organisation in pursuit of our objectives.

Every year I make a point to thank our staff, our CEO David and our Administration Officer Joanne. This year especially, they have had to dig deep, and to be resilient to big changes in their work-life. I am pleased to say that not only have they pulled through a tough year, but they have thrived. They worked hard to ensure that clear and accurate information was always available to recreational fishers throughout the peak of the COVID crisis; even when the rules and regulations were changing day by day. On top of their usually full agenda, and while working from home, they moved AFANT out of the tired old office at Malak, and as I write this report, AFANT now has a brand new and vibrant office at Stuart Park.

As I have touched upon, the COVID 19 crisis was a tough time for many, and at a time when so much was going wrong, the health and wellbeing benefits that come from going out fishing, have never been so important. Managed correctly, recreational fishing was a safe, physically-distanced activity that anyone could participate in, and it helped them to get away from the stresses during the worst of pandemic lockdown. As bans on gathering, and other activities like organised sport came into effect, and as we watched fishing bans roll out in other States, at AFANT we knew how important it would be to do all that we possibly could to keep Territorians fishing.

At the peak of the crisis, the AFANT team worked closely with the Northern Territory Government, with Minister Kirby, with NT Fisheries, NT Parks and the Police to ensure that our website and our social media accounts became a one stop shop for accurate and up to date information for the fishing community. I want to thank all our partners for working so closely and constructively with us. Most importantly, I want to thank our community, and the vast majority of fishers who followed the rules, who watched out for the latest updates, and who got on board to help keep the Territory safe, and to help keep the Territory fishing.

In addition to the unique challenges of 2020, the regular work that AFANT does to represent the interests of recreational fishers has continued. Through our professional engagement, we have maintained our commitment to ensure that our sector is respected by government and other key stakeholders. AFANT has maintained membership of a wide range of management, research, and advisory committees, in the areas of fisheries and the environment, as well as, infrastructure development, water resources, onshore shale gas, and Blue Mud Bay negotiations.

In June of last year, along with the Northern Land Council, the Territory Government, the Seafood Council and the NT Guided Fishing Industry Association, we took an important step forward in Blue Mud Bay negotiations with the signing of the Heads of Agreement at Nitmiluk. The agreement sets out a mutual understanding to progress this complex issue which remains unresolved since the 2008 High Court decision. Over the past 18-months it is fair to say there has been less progress than we had hoped for. Yet AFANT remain at the table. We are actively working with all parties, and we now expect the newly signed Action Plan between the NLC and the NTG, will bring results soon. Not only in the form of a two-year extension of the permit waiver, but real benefits for Traditional Owners and of course, enduring long-term access agreements to allow recreational fishing to continue in the rivers and coasts that we love, and have for so long advocated protection for.

In advocating for a healthy environment, AFANT is proud to have contributed to the establishment of new Water Allocation Plans that have secured environmental flows for some of our most important rivers. In the Daly River, 81.5% of flow from the Ooloo Aquifer is now guaranteed for the environment. In the case of the Katherine Water Allocation Plan, there is still more work to be done. However, the new plan was used to good effect this year when, for the first time ever, water allocations were cut by 40%. This should ensure that spring flows will continue to feed the Katherine River during this build-up season. We look forward to continuing to contribute to water planning, with a focus on the headwaters of the Roper River, as well as the Howard catchment where there is still much to be done.

Although it remains a core focus for AFANT, it is becoming increasingly apparent that a bright future for recreational fishing is about more than just fisheries management and regulation. We must continue to grow as custodians and advocates of a healthy environment. I am therefore proud to recognise our partnership with OzFish Unlimited, which is aimed at engaging recreational fishers to become active in looking after fish habitat. Were it not for the intervention of COVID this year, we would have already added a fish habitat project officer to our team, thanks to funding through the NT Recreational Fishing Grants and OzFish. So, watch this space in 2021, because we have some exciting plans in the pipeline.

Pitching in and contributing to fisheries management and research is not new for AFANT and our members. We have been coordinating a successful Barramundi tagging research program with NT Fisheries for 20 years. I want to thank the nearly 100 AFANT volunteers who are part of this program, and next year, as we bring our program into the 21st century with the new AFANT Research Mobile App, we look forward to being able to recruit more volunteers. Using new technology, we also hope to be able to collect other types of data that will help to inform better monitoring and management of key fisheries.

No one could have missed that 2020 was an election year. At AFANT, elections are always a time to reflect on the delivery of previous commitments and to work on a policy agenda with the aim of winning broad support for actions and investments that our sector needs. As we assess the past four years and the \$50M commitment to recreational fishing, there are certainly developments worthy of celebration. The most recent being the \$8M Artificial Reef program, which has seen the deployment of four football field sized reef systems, designed to enhance recreational fishing experiences. We also look forward to the results of the \$1M NT-wide Recreational Fishing Survey, which will update key catch and economic figures that are now 10 years old.

Yet it has not all been smooth sailing. There has been a significant underspend in the program, and key projects have not been started, never mind completed. Other issues like the failure of the Dundee Boat Ramp to live up to expectations, and the deterioration of the Corroboree ramp have also emerged and will require attention. Our CEO and I have met with the relevant ministers, and it is our understanding that the original commitment of underspent funds remains on the table over the coming term. Additionally, a range of key policies AFANT sought support for, received clear tri-partisan commitments in the lead up to the 2020 election, and so these policies are now supported by the returned Labor government.

AFANT welcomes the appointment of the NT's first Minister for Recreational Fishing. It is fitting that the best place to fish in Australia should have its own dedicated Minister. We look forward to working with the Minister in their new portfolio, and we hope the Minister for Recreational Fishing can be the nimble and effective advocate our sector needs. It must be recognised that so many of the key policies needed to support a bright fishing future, require the engagement and support of multiple government departments and agencies, and we intend to work closely with the Minister on achieving this.

There is no denying the fact that the COVID 19 pandemic has delivered real challenges for Federal and Territory budgets. Decreased revenue and increased costs have hit the budget bottom line, and the uncertainty around the timing and pace of a recovery is now part of our immediate economic future. Yet there is opportunity here for recreational fishing infrastructure projects to be part of that much needed recovery.

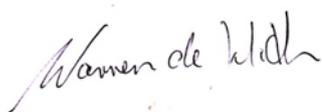
Investment in new or improved access and roads, boat ramps and fishing platforms can help to stimulate the economy and provide benefits. Not just during construction, but also through the delivery of productive infrastructure and improved diversification in the NT's fishing tourism offering. Recreational fishing has proven over and over that not only is it a great way to ensure locals spend their money here in the Territory, but it brings people to the Territory to spend money with fishing guides, on accommodation, hospitality, retail and other services. As an industry based upon experiences, recreational fishing does not need to rely heavily on harvest or extraction. It is sustainable, and with the correct strategic investments, the benefits can be enduring and future proofed. AFANT will continue to urge the Northern Territory Government to focus on key developments, including infrastructure and regulatory reform. We look forward to seeing improvements at Dundee, the construction of a land-based fishing platform for Darwin, and of course securing free public access to Point Stuart.

I want to thank Terry Holtz for gifting an easement across his property at Point Stuart. This has paved the way for a free public access route to the boat ramp. AFANT have long advocated for this project and let me be clear, the first priority must be ensuring access for fishers that cannot be locked off or charged for. Point Stuart has real potential, but there have been a lot of figures flying around regarding how much this project will cost or should cost. AFANT have advocated for a staged approach to this project. This should begin with aligning the access road across the new easement. We want to see Point Stuart access developed, yet this can be done in the context of the other projects and priorities that also require attention within the available budget.

I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. We have a lot catch up on after a disruptive year. In addition to the usual business of representing and communicating with fishers, AFANT will be focused on contributing to the Barramundi review, so that we can optimise our premier recreational fishery. We are ready to work with pastoralists and the Government on their commitment to improving access to fishing waters across pastoral lands, in accordance with the objects of the *Pastoral Land Act*. We need to see a genuine improvement in the amenity at the Dundee Beach boat ramp, as well as progress on long-term solutions to improve intertidal access agreements with Traditional Owners. On top of all of this, it is time to produce a new NT Recreational Fishing Development Plan to guide our sector going forward, as well as a new organisational strategic plan for AFANT.

Here's hoping that 2021 brings less challenges and more reasons to celebrate. May La Nina influence the monsoon to hang around and work its magic this Wet and set us up for a bumper run-off. Let's continue to work together for an even brighter fishing future.

Good fishing,



Warren de With
President

A word from our CEO

If I had been asked at the start of 2020, AFANT's 40th year representing fishers, to list the key issues and challenges that lay ahead, I would have predicted that Blue Mud Bay negotiations, the Territory Election and some of our new projects would be right up there. Yet by late February, our focus solidly shifted to setting up our team to work from home, making major amendments to a number of projects, having all of our meetings via Zoom, and spending months focused on delivering up to date pandemic mitigation information to recreational fishers. For much of this time, our focus was to stay safe and do what we could to keep Territorians fishing.



Despite the enormous challenges, there is also a feeling of accomplishment this year. The pandemic forced us to be resilient, and to focus on what is important, our health, our safety, and our community. We learned quickly how we can work smarter by adopting technology to our advantage. And we proved that our strong professional relationships with government and other organisations paid dividends when trust mattered most.

During the peak of the pandemic response, AFANT worked closely with the Minister's office, Fisheries NT, Parks, and NT Police, to ensure that clear and sensible advice was available for the fishing community. By getting timely and accurate messages out through our webpage and social media, we provided a one stop shop for information on fishing related health and travel regulations. Our Facebook posts were routinely reaching between 40,000 to 100,000 people and it was not uncommon to receive upwards of 30 phone calls per day, with requests for information or clarification of rules.

I want to thank our Administration Officer, Joanne, for her resilience and dedication in seamlessly transitioning our work from our office at Malak to working from home on the cloud. I also thank the AFANT Committee and especially our President for being principled, supportive, flexible, and for embracing new priorities and meeting technologies. Of course, the biggest thanks go to our incredible fishing community for staying engaged and following the rules. This ensured that while other activities and sports faced bans, and while fishers in some states couldn't go out fishing, here in the NT, people could enjoy casting a line with their families, right at the time when they most needed to access the vast health and wellbeing benefits that come from going fishing.

While the pandemic was a disruption to some of our plans, over the course of this reporting period, there was still a lot that was achieved by the AFANT team. We continued to represent fishers across a range of fisheries, and other policy areas. We tackled emerging issues, including the need for action on the Dundee Boat Ramp and our team prepared and lodged a number of submissions on a range of issues including environmental protection, Water Allocation Plans, Commonwealth fishery resource sharing and responding to Environmental Impact Statements for development proposals.

A highlight from late 2019 was the National Recreational Fishing Conference in Hobart. In addition to myself, the NT delegation included two AFANT Committee members, a young Larrakia Ranger, and Fisheries NT Staff. It was an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas, to learn from one another, and to help support the next generation of community leaders. For me personally, presenting an address on Blue Mud Bay and the future of recreational fishing in the context of Land Rights, to a room full of national leaders in recreational fishing representation, research, media and management was both a wonderful opportunity and nervous challenge. Yet it hit home for me that in so many ways the NT recreational fishing sector punches well above its weight. Whether through the journey to better work

with Traditional Owners for mutual benefits, grassroots care for fish stocks, our long term support for citizen science, or the genuine inclusivity and diversity in our community; so much of what we do remains ahead of the curve.

Now more than ever, it takes a complexity of policy settings and investment decisions across a range of areas to maintain and best develop the NT's world class recreational fisheries. Understanding this, AFANT sent a comprehensive questionnaire covering seven key policy areas to all parties contesting the NT election. The responses received were collated and published to help inform fishers about where the major parties stood on key issues. In this year's unique three-cornered contest, it was very pleasing to receive broad tri-partisan support for the vast majority of positions AFANT put forward. Once again confirming, that politicians and policymakers continue to understand the importance of recreational fishing to the Northern Territory.

With the worst disruptions of the COVID 19 pandemic hopefully behind us, the next year is set to look brighter, as we gear up for the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead from our new office at Stuart Park. Key areas of focus will include working with the Committee on a new Strategic Plan and further governance reform to modernise



The new AFANT office at Stuart Park is vibrant and light filled. Conveniently located in a busy precinct close to the city and the Dinah beach ramp, it is an ideal base for our busy and growing organisation.

and optimise our organisation. We are looking forward to the Barramundi fishery review, something that we won support for at the 2020 election. With a reinvigorated focus and energy, hopes are high that genuine progress on Blue Mud Bay negotiations can be realised. We also have several exciting fish habitat and recreational fisher research projects already in the pipeline.

So here is hoping the wet season is much kinder to us this time, charging up our aquifers and inundating the vast floodplains of the Top End. Fingers crossed for a big run-off and great year ahead.

Tight lines,

David Ciaravolo
CEO

AFANT's key activities

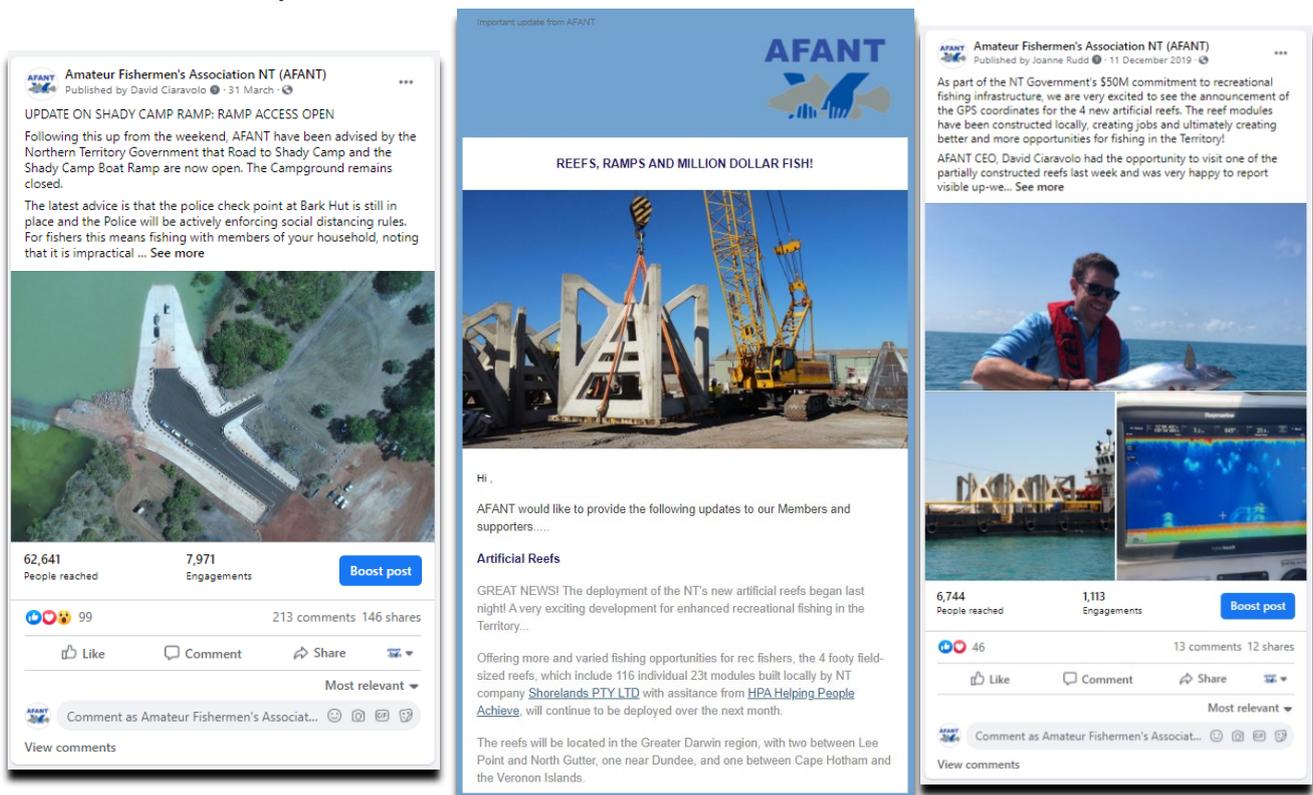
AFANT has continued to ensure strategic actions, projects and representations are delivered for the benefit of the Northern Territory's recreational fishers and the clubs, associations and businesses that make up our vibrant sector.

AFANT's key strategies are to:

- Represent and advocate for the interests of all recreational fishers in the NT;
- Protect and enhance the quality of the fishing experiences and resources that are available to Northern Territory and visiting anglers;
- Participate in the management and co-management of recreational and other fisheries;
- Support, participate and coordinate recreational fisher involvement in fisheries research;
- Provide representation and advice to governments and others on recreational fishing issues;
- Maintain and improve access to recreational fishing opportunities;
- Promote and advocate for ethical, sustainable, safe, and legal fishing practices;
- Liaise constructively with other organisations on matters of mutual interest;
- Promote, and be an advocate for, fish habitat and protection of the environment when it has the potential to impact on recreational fishing.

Communication

At AFANT, we strive to keep our members and supporters updated on the important issues. From media releases and web updates, to issue-based email campaigns and social media posts. If you have an interest in fishing, we urge you to join as a member or as an "I Love Fishing" supporter, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Fishers can also contact us through Facebook messenger, email, phone, or catch us in our new office at 19/90 Francis Bay Drive, Stuart Park.



Management Advisory, Research & Working Committee memberships

AFANT is formally engaged in a range of committees and organisations related to the management of fisheries, lands, waters, and the broader environment. Through our active involvement, we have sought to ensure that the interests and perspectives of the recreational fishing community were professionally represented during 2019/20.

Fishery Committee Memberships (organisational, individual, or observer):

- Recreational Fishery Advisory Committee
- Mud Crab Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- Offshore Snapper Fisheries Advisory Committee
- Coastal Line Fishery Management Advisory Committee / Advisory Group
- Spanish Mackerel Fishery Advisory Group
- Offshore Net and Line Fishery Advisory Group
- Aquarium Fishery Advisory Group

Other Committees and working groups:

- Onshore Shale Gas Community and Business Reference Group
- Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee
- North Marine Parks Advisory Committee
- Wurrahiliba Management Committee
- Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area Committee
- Kakadu Tourism Consultative Committee
- Howard Water Advisory Committee
- Katherine Tindall Water Advisory Committee
- Ooloo Water Advisory Committee
- Tindall Mataranka Daly-Waters Water Advisory Committee
- FRDC Yanyuwa Economic Development Research Project Steering Committee
- CSIRO Beetaloo Geological and Bioregional Assessment Program User Panel
- Dundee Beach Boat Ramp Working Group

Other Memberships:

- Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation
- NT Water Safety Advisory Council

Election 2020: NT Parties support policies for a bright recreational fishing future

With thousands of members and 30,000 constituents from all walks of life, AFANT understands there is no “typical” recreational fisher. There are, however, a range of values and policy matters that are essential to supporting NT fisheries and ensuring high quality fishing experiences are maintained into the future.

In early July 2020, AFANT put 24 questions, across 7 key policy areas, to the major parties contesting the 2020 Northern Territory Election. The process was designed to ensure all political parties were aware of, and committed to, the policies needed to support recreational fishing in the Territory and help inform recreational fishers where each party stood on the important issues.

The responses received from each party were collated and entered as direct quotes into the tables of the AFANT 2020 Election Policy Questionnaire Response document. This document, along with the full responses received, and links to the individual party policy papers, were made available on our website and advertised on social media.

We were pleased to secure significant support for many of the key policy questions raised in the Policy Questionnaire. While support from the three major parties for the policies important to the recreational fishing sector was broad, the details of the responses from each party did differ. AFANT encouraged fishers to download the AFANT 2020 Election Policy Questionnaire Response document to see for themselves.

At the time, AFANT’s CEO David Ciaravolo said “AFANT is proud of our work to ensure that our community’s vision for an exciting and inclusive fishing future has been largely supported by those contending to lead the Territory”. Noting that “The Territory’s three major parties have each provided a comprehensive response to 24 questions posed in the AFANT Policy Questionnaire, and each party also supporting the sector through the release of their own recreational fishing policy documents”.

Prior to the poll, AFANT President Warren de With explained AFANT’s clear role in the lead up to the election, saying “We will never tell people how to vote and we are committed to working with any future Government to ensure that our shared vision for a bright fishing future becomes a reality”.

With support secured for so many key policies, we look forward to working with the returned Labor Government on a range of key commitments, including improving the Dundee Ramp facilities; reforming the Barramundi fishery; revisiting the application to have Shoal Bay zoned only for recreational and Traditional Indigenous crabbing; improving land based fishing opportunities; continuing the NT Recreational Fishing Grants Program; improving access to waters across pastoral lands; continuing water reform; better promoting NT fishing; and creating a new NT Recreational Fishing Development Plan.

2. Recreational Fishing Infrastructure & Fishery Development

In the most recent term of Government, \$50M was pledged to support recreational fishing in the NT, with most funding allocated to delivering important infrastructure and development projects as prioritised by the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee (RFAC). Key projects delivered included a new boat ramp at Sandy Camp and the Territory’s largest purpose built Artificial Reef and FAD program. Several identified projects like Point Stuart public access, a new land based fishing platform in Darwin, and carpark improvements for the Dundee and Daly River ramps require an ongoing commitment to the announced funds, in order to ensure future delivery. Additionally, commitment to a number of existing and future infrastructure needs, including maintenance, is critical to ensure that the NT can maintain its status as the best place to fish in Australia.

			
2.1 Dundee Boat Ramp Q: Will your party commit to investing in capital works and maintenance to ensure an optimal service level is achieved at the Dundee Boat Ramp? Will your party commit to pedestrianising the rock groyne and installing a pontoon for the safe loading and unloading of passengers, including tourists?	<p>On 3 July 2020 a contract was awarded for sit removal and maintenance of the Dundee Beach Boat Ramp to ensure the best possible service is achieved at the Dundee Beach Boat Ramp.</p> <p>Following AFANT’s request to Minister Tawler the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has been instructed to establish a Working Group, specifically to provide Government with a series of options with recommendations for short, medium and long term actions to improve the operations at the Dundee Beach Boat Ramp.</p>	<p>The CLP will ensure regular maintenance of Dundee Boat Ramp to prevent the build up of sediment, which compromises access to this popular spot.</p> <p>We will look at long-term solutions for improving access to this ramp.</p>	<p>TA has identified the Dundee Boat Ramp as a significant site for NT and visiting recreational fishermen. We would be committed to ensuring the access of the boat ramp with sediment, mitigation/maintenance and acting a partner to a local fisher/boat access. Land-based fishing is another one of our priorities and would be committed to improving land-based fishing activities at Dundee Beach.</p>
2.2 Point Stuart Q: Will your party commit to realigning the road to the Point Stuart boat ramp to establish public access, as well as committing to the complete or staged upgrade of the Point Stuart Road?	<p>Yes. Work has commenced to design the upgrade of Point Stuart Road to improve access to the boat ramp at Stuart’s Trice Fishing Camp. A staged approach to the staged upgrade of the Point Stuart Road is supported by Territory Labor, due to the benefit this project will bring to fishermen, tourists and the pastoral industry.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Territory Alliance is committed to ensuring the upgrades of the Pt Stuart Rd to Cro Trice Point, includes the realignment and upgrades sought by AFANT.</p>

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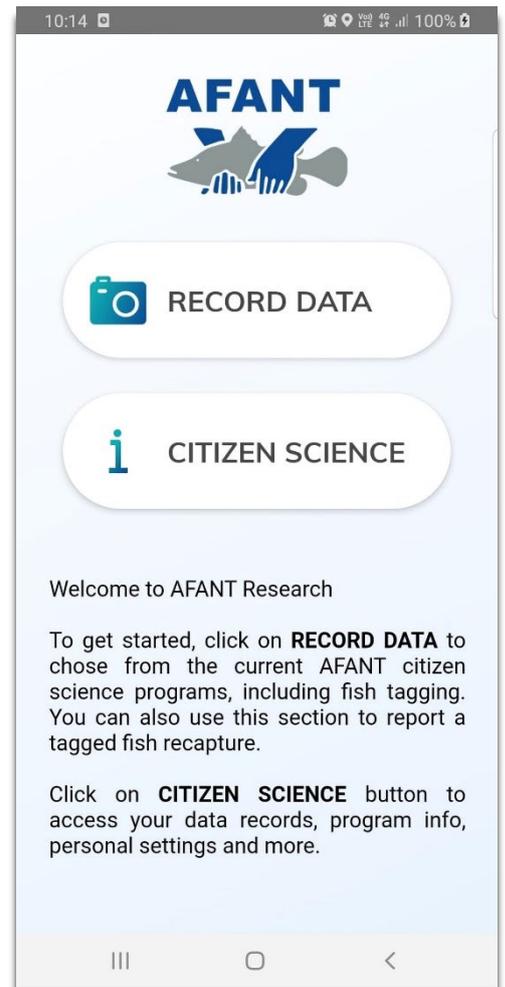
AFANT Fish Tagging Research Program

AFANT continues to work with Fisheries NT to deliver a community-based fish tagging program, with a focus on Barramundi. We also support Fisheries NT's tagging efforts by facilitating community fish recapture reports and managing reporting incentives. The information collected through fish tagging contributes to the understanding of fish stocks, size, and age structures, as well as trends in catch, and release rates.

A major reason for the tagging program is to replace commercial catch-return data following the introduction of netting closures and the establishment of recreational-only barramundi fishing areas. AFANT thanks all our volunteers for their valuable contributions.

The tagging program is overseen by the AFANT Tagging Subcommittee, in conjunction with the AFANT and Fisheries NT Recreational Fishing Research Working Group. Together we have produced a Recreational Fishing Research Strategic Plan, which sets key targets and strategies for tagging, and other citizen science projects over the next four years.

We are now in the final stages of developing a new Mobile App which will enable our volunteer taggers to record and send their data directly to our database. The App is being developed by InfoFish Australia and is funded by the Northern Territory Government through the NT Recreational Fishing Grants Program. Once the App is operational, it is hoped that the increased efficiency and reduction in office paperwork will allow us to expand our program and increase the number of volunteers we can support.



Volunteer Profile:

Paul Rich is long time AFANT member and Barramundi tagging volunteer. Paul always makes a special effort to understand where tagging is most needed, and always has his AFANT tagging kit with him when he goes fishing.

Paul has tagged over 80 fish in a number of locations since he began tagging in 2015. It was great to see him out this year continuing to contribute data while fishing with mates from Reeling Veterans - Fishing for Therapy. A group that supports veterans and service men and women.

AFANT's support for the Tagging Research Program has included:

- Recruitment and support of volunteers
- Maintenance of the AFANT Tagging Database
- Monitoring of the 1800 Phone number recapture hotline
- Issuing certificates and recapture rewards
- Monitoring of the AFANT recapture web portal
- Data entry of fish tagged and recaptures reported
- Recovery of previously unreturned data through targeted effort by AFANT staff
- Periodic supply of Fisheries NT tagged fish recaptures to the Fisheries agency

Key developments in the reporting period:

- AFANT and Fisheries NT have supplied all tagging data to InfoFish for consolidation into a single database to support development of the Mobile Application;
- Meetings held with Fisheries NT Research to refine and complete the Recreational Fishing Research Strategic Plan to guide development, operations, and the deployment of tagging effort;
- Reduced numbers of tagged fish and lower reported recaptures for the period were due to two major factors; consecutive poor run off fishing seasons with lower barramundi captures, and a pause on recruitment of new volunteers while the mobile App is developed.

Summary Data for year ending June 2019	
Tags Supplied (issued)	635
Tags Released (in fish)	373
Tags reported in period but tagged outside of period	786
Recaptures reported (rewards sent):	166

Data (by location for year ending June 2020)		
JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020		
	AFANT Tagging Program	Tagged fish Recaptures
Adelaide River	5	2
Bynoe Harbour	1	0
Daly river	0	7
Darwin Harbour	58	0
Shoal bay	12	2
Finnis River	14	1
Fog bay	0	0
Manton dam	8	0
Mary River	22	4
Moyle River	0	0
Roper River	4	1
Victoria River	0	0
Yellow Waters	10	0
East Alligator River	0	3
Towns River	15	0
Totals	149	20

Blue Mud Bay & Land Claims

The 2008 Blue Mud Bay decision of the High Court established property rights for Traditional Owners to the waters overlying the intertidal zone of the coastline and other areas of Aboriginal land. Aboriginal land constitutes almost 85% of the NT coast.

AFANT supports the formal recognition of Traditional Ownership in accordance with the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act*. We believe there are considerable unexplored opportunities for fishers and Traditional Owners to mutually benefit from agreed certainty of access. While long-term fishing access agreements, covering several of the NT's most socially and economically significant waters (Daly River, parts of the McArthur River, Pt Keats, the Sir Edward Pellew Islands, and the Gove peninsula) have been negotiated between the NT Government and Traditional Owners, many Aboriginal owned waters popular with fishers are still not the subject of formal agreement.



The signing of the Heads of Agreement on June 26, 2019, at the Nitmiluk Gorge NLC Full Council.

On June 26, 2019 the Northern Land Council, AFANT, Northern Territory Seafood Council, NT Guided Fishing Industry Association and the Northern Territory Government signed a historic Heads of Agreement (HoA) at Nitmiluk. The HoA outlines areas of common understanding to underpin the way forward in resolving intertidal fishing access and to settle Blue Mud Bay fishing matters. Initially, an 18-month permit waiver was issued to allow fishing access to Aboriginal owned waters while negotiations progressed.

Following a period of regular, independently-chaired Blue Mud Bay Negotiation Committee meetings in late 2019 and early 2020, the COVID pandemic and biosecurity zone travel restrictions brought a halt to progress. However, in the lead up to 2020 NT Election, the Northern Territory Government and the Northern Land Council signed an Implementation Action Plan agreement to kick-start and progress elements of the HoA. The Action Plan outlines timelines for key actions including a review of the *NT Fisheries Act* and provides for an additional two-year permit waiver.

AFANT continues to meet with all parties and has urged the NT Government to make every effort to come to terms with Traditional Owners for enduring recreational fishing access agreements. Priority areas from our perspective remain the lower Finniss River, the Roper River and Mini Mini Murganella.

Aboriginal Land Claims

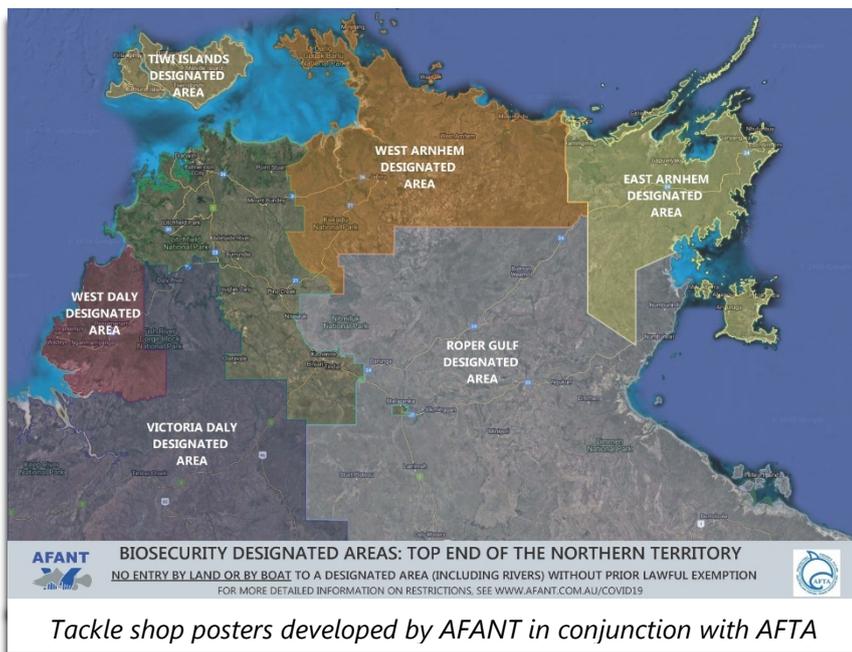
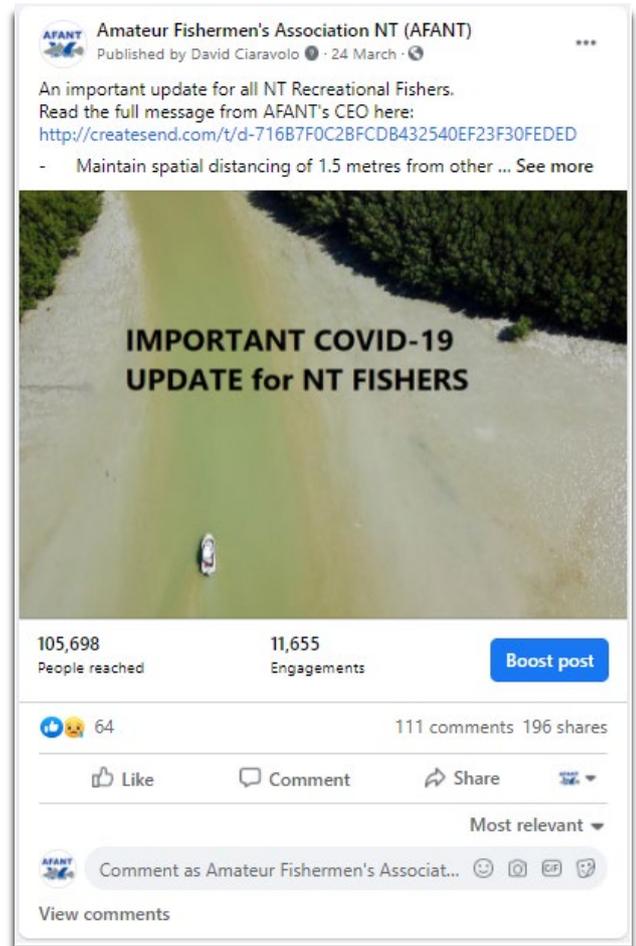
Throughout 2019/20 AFANT has continued to participate in a number of claims before the Aboriginal Land Commissioner. Our practice has been to ensure that potential detriment to recreational fishing is recorded in accordance with the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act's* processes. The aim is to ensure that when claims are granted, agreements to allow recreational fishing access to important areas can be included in the settlement arrangements between the Government and Traditional Owners.

COVID 19 Pandemic Response

The 2020 Coronavirus pandemic has had huge impacts across the globe. While the NT has performed exceptionally well, compared with other parts of the country and the world, the pandemic lockdown spanning March to June was an uncertain and very tough time for Territorians. During this difficult period, AFANT's number one priority was to safely ensure that people could continue to access the social, health and wellbeing benefits that come from fishing, whether fishing alone or as a family / household unit.

In March 2020, in accordance with our Pandemic Response Policy, the AFANT team moved to working from home and online meeting technology was adopted by the Committee. Our focus shifted from our projects and other regular tasks to working closely with the Northern Territory Government, including the Chief Minister's Office, the Minister for Fisheries, Fisheries NT, NT Parks and Wildlife, and NT Police. Building on our professional and trusting relationships, AFANT was able assist policymakers on practical matters relating to our sector, and to host a one-stop-shop for reliable and timely information.

The appetite for information from the fishing public was unprecedented, sometimes resulting in upwards of 30 phone calls per day with requests for information or clarification of the swiftly changing physical distancing, travel, park closure and Commonwealth biosecurity regulations. AFANT maintained a web page which was kept current with clear advice and links to all relevant Government and agency information. Emails were sent to members and supporters advising of any changes, and regular updates on Facebook routinely reached between 40,000 – 100,000 people, and had thousands of engagements, often with 100+ shares per post.



AFANT thanks the Northern Territory Government, Fisheries, Parks, NT Police, fishing clubs, the Australian Fishing Trade Association, tackle and boat stores for working so closely and constructively together during this critical time.

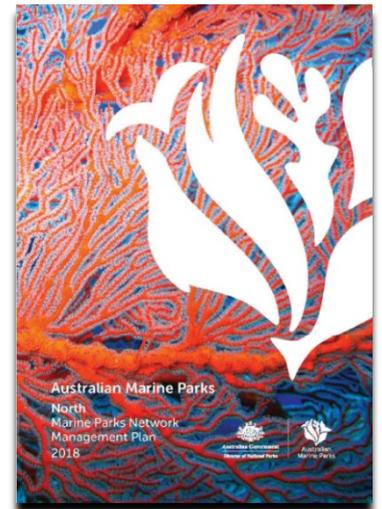
Our biggest thanks go to all the NT recreational fishers who make it their business to be up to date with the rules, and who did their part to keep vulnerable communities safe. These actions helped to keep the NT safe, and in doing so, successfully kept Territorians fishing when we all needed it most.

Commonwealth issues & the National Recreational Fishing Conference

North Marine Parks Advisory Committee

Prior to the implementation of the Commonwealth Marine Park North Management Plan back in July 2018, AFANT worked closely with the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation to ensure impacts to recreational fishing could be minimised. Our CEO is now a member of the North Marine Parks Advisory Committee (NMPAC).

The NMPAC meets twice per year and members work with Parks Australia staff to shape the management of the 8 North Marine Parks, providing advice and strengthening Parks Australia's understanding of park user interests and issues.



National Recreational Fishing Conference – Hobart

The 2019 Australian National Recreational Fishing Conference was held on December 10 -11 in Hobart. The event was pitched at recreational fishing organisations, managers and researchers from around Australia. Titled *Our Fishing, Our Research, Our Recreational Future*, there were high profile national and international keynote speakers. An exploration of hot topics, including social licence, fish habitat and citizen science, ensured that the conference was the best one yet, with people traveling from every state and territory to attend.

The NT delegation included our CEO, two AFANT Committee members, a young Larrakia Ranger, and Fisheries NT Staff. AFANT's CEO presented an address on Blue Mud Bay and the future challenges and opportunities for NT recreational fishing in the context of Land Rights.

AFANT Committee member Melita McKinnon and Larrakia Ranger Javadd Lawler were the recipients of an FRDC funded future leadership travel bursary. Leadership forums and activities were held on the days either side of the conference, offering a unique opportunity to learn from the challenges, ideas, and experiences of sector representatives from around Australia. Bursary winners engaged with presentations from sector leaders including the AFANT and RecfishWest CEOs, who are previous beneficiaries of FRDC leadership bursary and training opportunities.



Activity snapshots:

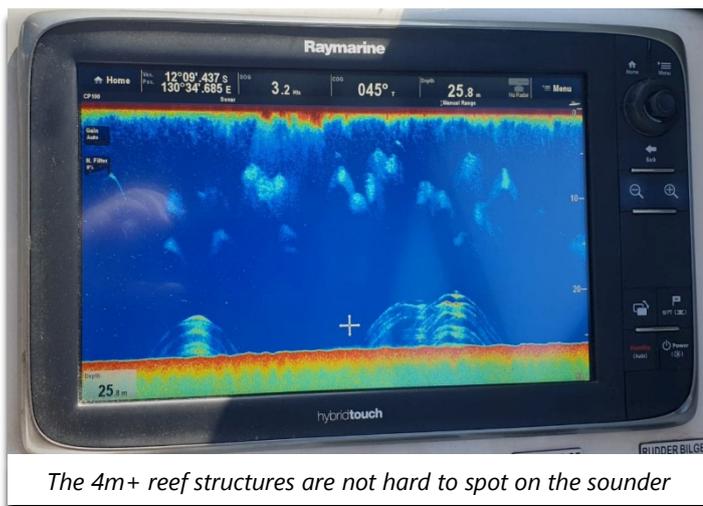
National Recreational Fishing Survey

The National Recreational Fishing Survey aims to identify the range of economic, health and social values of fishing for fishers, businesses, and communities across Australia. It will provide the first up-to-date picture of the value of recreational fishing in Australia since 2001. This major project has long been advocated for and supported by AFANT and the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation.

Community participation in the survey was essential and in May 2020, when the sample numbers for the NT were less than targeted, we tried to help spread the word and promote participation. It was at this point that the team at Staunch Crab stepped up in a big way. Offering daily prize draws for fishers who could prove participation in the survey. Within one week, the NT participation target was met and well exceeded. We extend a big thank you to Tynan and Leila, as well as the Barramundi Adventures team!



Artificial Reefs



The 4m+ reef structures are not hard to spot on the sounder

AFANT has long advocated for the construction of purpose-built artificial reefs to enhance saltwater fishing experiences around Darwin. In late 2019, four football field sized, locally constructed, purpose-designed reef complexes were deployed in the waters off the coast of the greater Darwin region. The reef structures provide fish habitat and, together with FAD's, are designed to offer accessible, high quality, sustainable fishing experiences for reef fish and pelagic fish.

AFANT has been involved in the consultation, promotion, and development of the Code of Conduct for reef and FAD fishing. We look forward to partnering with Fisheries NT on the next step, which is monitoring and assessment.

Darwin Harbour Clean Up

The 2020 event was the 11th Darwin Harbour Clean-Up and was organised by the Larrakia Rangers. Almost 200 volunteers from 27 groups collected rubbish that totalled 2.1 tonnes. AFANT's CEO partnered with the OzFish Unlimited Darwin Chapter President to clean up around Cullen Bay, removing plastic, drinking cans, fishing line and 6 abandoned, unmarked crab traps in the process.



National Gone Fishing Day

Sunday 20 October 2019 was National Gone Fishing Day. Gone Fishing Day is the one day each year when all Australians are encouraged to pick up a rod, gather a crew together, and get out on the water for some fun. For our fishing clubs and passionate avid fishers, it is yet another great reason to celebrate all the things we love about fishing.

In 2019, AFANT's focus was to acknowledge the health, happiness, economic and community benefits that flow from recreational fishing. Thanks to the Northern Territory Government's NT Recreational Fishing Grants program, we were able to celebrate the day in several ways and to launch a project that will further promote the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing in the Territory.



To mark the day, AFANT organised a special pop-up morning event at Dinah Beach. Set up on the lawn in front of our corporate member and sponsor In & Outboard Marine, it was a great location where we could catch fishers on their way down to Darwin's most popular boat ramp. Thanks to generous sponsorship from Pauls Iced coffee, Colemans Printing, The Sunday Territorian, Reidy's Lures, and Tales from the Tinny we had some great giveaways and casting comps for the kids.



The Territory wide "AFANT Brag Board" Photo Competition was kicked off on Gone Fishing Day and ran through to February 2020. Fishers were encouraged to send in their fishing photos with the chance of winning some great prizes thanks to our sponsors at Humpty Doo Barramundi, Shimano, and Fishing and Outdoor World.

Photos were submitted from right across the Top End with entries from Darwin, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Groote Eylandt, King Ash Bay and more. Our team compiled selected entries to produce the "Big AFANT Brag Board".

The Brag Board has been printed as an extra-large media wall for display at AGM's, Boat Shows, future Recreational Fishing Awards, and other events. AFANT has also produced poster-sized brag boards for display in local tackle shops, fishing clubs and sponsors locations.

Fishing Club Members

AFANT acknowledges our Fishing Club Members. Fishing clubs are a central part of the NT recreational fishing community. From Barramundi fishing, to game fishing and flyfishing, our member clubs conduct a range of activities and competitions right around the Territory. Family friendly and inclusive, we encourage you to check them out!

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www.kingashbay.com.au

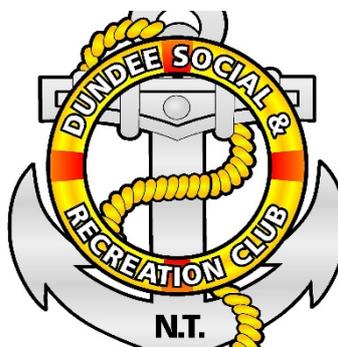
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www.govefishingclub.org.au

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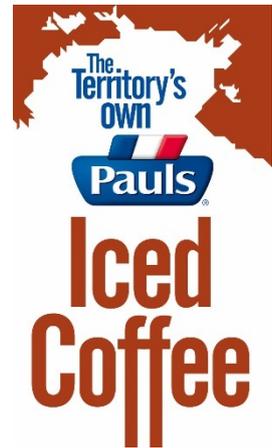
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AFANT thanks the following supporters for generous donations or grant assistance for projects and events during 2019/20:



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AMATEUR FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NT INC

ABN 47 665 738 318

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 30 June 2020

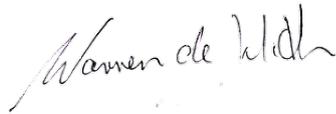
In our opinion:

- (a) the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial statement, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2020 and the results of the Association for the year ended on that date;
- (b) the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Signed at: 19/90 Frances Bay Drive, Stuart Park, NT 0820

Signed on: 13 November 2020



Warren de With - President



Roxsean Edwards - Treasurer

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2020

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Warren de With - President
Roxsean Edwards - Treasurer
Dennis Smart - Vice President
Evan Dixon - Secretary
Josie Short - Assistant Secretary
Megan Brown
Geoff Bird
Terry Bomber Farrell
Brent Murdoch
Alastair Shields

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: to represent recreational fishing in the NT and ensure the quality of the sport of fishing.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

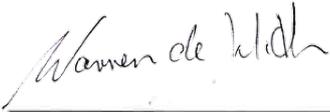
Operating Result

The profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2020	31 December 2018
\$	\$
197,803.08	41,042.27

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2020

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on: 13 November 2020



Warren de With - President



Roxsean Edwards - Treasurer

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2020

	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2018
	\$	\$
Income		
Membership fees	7,427.88	8,600.50
Reimbursements - travel & other expenses	120.37	(43.25)
Interest received	3,245.83	1,536.43
Raffles	409.00	462.00
Sundry income	46.11	945.21
ATO - Cash Flow Boost	38,688.00	
Grant - GFD 2019	1,893.11	
Grant - Tagging App	31,784.00	
Grant - Strategic Fund 2017	575.00	
Grant - Dept Primary Industries (Note: 3)	370,000.00	185,000.00
Grant - Inpex Sponsorship	2,750.00	
Grant - Junior Angler		330.00
Grant - Volunteer		1,546.62
Grant - JKC Australia		5,000.00
Grant - Strategic Fund	60,000.00	45,595.60
Grant - Culture and Cap	40,960.00	39,981.77
Grant - NT Recreational Fishing		2,450.84
Grant - Radio Repeater		508.28
Grant - GFD2018	10,000.00	
Total income	567,899.30	291,914.00

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318**Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 30 June 2020**

	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2018
	\$	\$
Expenses		
Advertising & promotion	613.36	4,588.09
Audit fees	3,465.77	3,440.01
Bad debts	1,243.64	
Bank fees & charges	442.24	442.43
Computer expenses	9,541.36	3,089.56
Depreciation - Plant	71.00	95.00
General expenses	1,358.35	2,666.47
Grant exp - Volunteer		1,546.62
Grant exp - Junior Angler		330.00
Grant exp - Strategic Fund	575.00	45,595.60
Grant exp - NT Recreational Fishing		2,450.84
Grant exp - Culture & Cap Prog	40,960.00	39,981.77
Grant exp - JKC Fish Tagging		5,000.00
Grant exp - Strategic Fund	60,000.00	
Grant exp - GFD 2019	1,893.11	
Grant exp - Tagging App	31,784.00	
Grant exp - GFD 2018	9,933.44	
Grant exp - Inpex Sponsorship	2,750.00	
Insurance	6,820.38	3,770.02
Meeting expenses	2,327.93	1,346.88
Depreciation - M/V car	5,374.00	4,712.00
M/V car - Fuel & oil	2,467.13	2,240.24
M/V car - Registration/Insurance	1,492.37	688.14
M/V car - Repairs	2,635.67	2,266.28
Postage	1,525.65	1,375.99
Printing & stationery	1,840.46	1,519.30
Relocation costs	2,071.52	
Salaries - Ordinary	149,704.40	106,516.45
Subscriptions	1,687.81	1,059.09
Superannuation	15,602.33	10,159.03
Telephone	5,951.63	4,153.94
Travel and accomodation	5,963.67	1,837.98
Total expenses	<u>370,096.22</u>	<u>250,871.73</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	197,803.08	41,042.27

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Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2020

	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2018
	\$	\$
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	197,803.08	41,042.27
Total changes in equity of the association	197,803.08	41,042.27
Opening retained profits	180,682.94	139,640.67
Net profit attributable to the association	197,803.08	41,042.27
Closing retained profits	378,486.02	180,682.94

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Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020

	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2018
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Cash at Bank - Cheque Account	9,860.85	17,187.93
Cash at Bank - Cash Management Account	608,880.61	291,964.84
Cash at Bank - Research & Development	48,699.73	48,693.17
Australia Post VISA	2.36	435.05
Paypal	57.24	
Aust Post Mastercard	1,038.19	
Cash Float - Office	180.00	200.00
	668,718.98	358,480.99
Receivables		
Trade debtors		1,368.00
Debtor - Cash Flow Boost (Note: 2)	14,508.00	
	14,508.00	1,368.00
Other		
Gone Fishing Day 2018		7,433.44
		7,433.44
Total Current Assets	683,226.98	367,282.43
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant & equipment (cost)	12,777.55	12,777.55
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(12,696.00)	(12,625.00)
Motor vehicles (cost)	56,103.73	56,103.73
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(41,059.00)	(35,685.00)
	15,126.28	20,571.28
Total Non-Current Assets	15,126.28	20,571.28
Total Assets	698,353.26	387,853.71

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020

	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2018
	\$	\$
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Current Liabilities		
Payables		
Unsecured:		
Trade creditors	1,529.08	1,935.60
Unexpended grant - Solomon	37,500.00	
Unexpended grant - Tagging App	12,317.82	
Unexpended grant - Manbulloo	18,181.82	
Unexpended grant - Junior Fishing Clinic	1,034.00	1,034.00
Unexpended grant - Volunteer	748.59	748.59
Unexpended grant - Strategic Fund	3,829.40	4,404.40
Unexpended grant - Culture and Cap Prog	74,058.23	115,018.23
Unexpended grant - Inpex Sponsorship	2,112.00	4,862.00
Unexpended grant - NT Recreational Fish	5,049.16	5,049.16
Unexpended grant - Lingiari	15,000.00	
Unexpended grant - Ozfish Habitat	54,995.00	
Unexpended grant - GFD 2019	4,506.89	
Secured:		
Trade creditors		642.40
	<u>230,861.99</u>	<u>133,694.38</u>
Current Tax Liabilities		
GST Liabilities	17,110.25	1,581.39
	<u>17,110.25</u>	<u>1,581.39</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>247,972.24</u>	<u>135,275.77</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>247,972.24</u>	<u>135,275.77</u>
Net Assets	<u>450,381.02</u>	<u>252,577.94</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020

	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2018
	\$	\$
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Members' Funds		
Reserves		
General reserve	71,895.00	71,895.00
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	378,486.02	180,682.94
Total Members' Funds	<u><u>450,381.02</u></u>	<u><u>252,577.94</u></u>

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Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020

	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 18
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash assets	668,718.98	358,480.99
Receivables	14,508.00	1,368.00
Other		7,433.44
Total Current Assets	683,226.98	367,282.43
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	15,126.28	20,571.28
Total Non-Current Assets	15,126.28	20,571.28
Total Assets	698,353.26	387,853.71
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Payables	230,861.99	133,694.38
Current tax liabilities	17,110.25	1,581.39
Total Current Liabilities	247,972.24	135,275.77
Total Liabilities	247,972.24	135,275.77
Net Assets	450,381.02	252,577.94
Members' Funds		
Reserves	71,895.00	71,895.00
Retained profits	378,486.02	180,682.94
Total Members' Funds	450,381.02	252,577.94

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act of the Northern Territory. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Receivables

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(c) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(e) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

(g) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Note 2: Cash Flow Boost Credits

The Debtor - Cash Flow Boost of \$14,508.00 represents the cash flow boost credits received in the months of July, August and September 2020. It is brought to account at 30 June 2020 as this amount is calculated on the PAYG withholding amount for the March and June quarters.

Note 3: Change in year end

Amateur Fishermen's Association on the NT Inc elected and applied to change the financial year to 30 June. The 31 December 2018 comparatives are for twelve months only. The 30 June 2020 income and expenditure includes the eighteen month period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020. The grant received from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources for the Industry Development Support Program in the amount of \$370,000.00, represents \$185,000.00 received on 14 June 2019 for the 2018-2019 year, and \$185,000.00 received on 2 June 2020 for the 2019-2020 year. It is anticipated that a similar amount will be received in June 2021.

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, the Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020, a summary of significant accounting policies and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2020 and [of] its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Act.

Qualification

It is not practicable for the Association to maintain an effective system of internal control over transactions until each transaction is recored in the accounting records. This is normal for organisations of similar size and nature. Accordingly, the scope of the audit has been limited to the recorded transactions.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of Associations Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Act and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

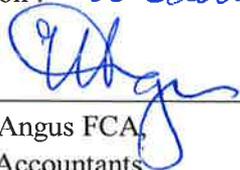
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Signed on : 30 October 2020



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