

Regional Round Up

By Tony Tucceri

We all know that ANGFA stands for the Australia New Guinea Fishes Association and we all know that ANGFA exists to promote the conservation, study, keeping and propagation of the native fish species of Australia and New Guinea. We've set new membership records and there are ANGFA members just about everywhere in the world. But did you know there is more than one ANGFA? If you didn't, there is a chance there is an ANGFA near you. So we thought we'd start a new column in the newsletter dedicated to all the ANGFA Regions found in Australia and bring you information about their Australian activities and the many meetings and field trips held throughout the year. This will be useful if you don't know what's happening in your own Australian state you can just look it up here and, hopefully, feel free to attend one of the many meeting or field trips held around the country.

ANGFA in Queensland, NSW and Victoria are doing very well attracting new members. In ANGFA parlance, these 3 states are "the Big Three". They have excellent speakers at their meetings and hold organised field trips. They welcome your patronage so if you're ever in Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne, you'll be made to feel very welcome at one of their meetings.

ANGFA in South Australia is represented by SANFA – South Australia Native Fishes Association and they too hold meetings and field trips. So if Adelaide is where you're located, feel free to drop in and say hello. ANGFA in Western Australia has been in hiatus for a while but is aiming to re-establish itself this year. If you are interested in ANGFA meetings in Perth, or helping us re-start this Region, don't hesitate to get in touch with the author or key local member (Syd Adams adfsh@iprimus.com.au).

There is a meeting or field trip somewhere in Australia, organised by ANGFA volunteers, so get in touch with your local ANGFA group and start the adventure. Take your friends along and show them what you can find in, on, near or under the water's surface. It's easy to get involved in a survey of your local area. We encourage you to attend a meeting or field trip, wherever it is held. You will be in for a wonderful time. So having introduced you to the many ANGFA's, here is information we hope you'll find very useful about the clubs around Australia.

Information and Calendar of ANGFA events

ANGFA QLD	
Meetings	Commencing February every second Friday of each second month
Venue for Meetings	Bar Jai Hall, Alexandra Street, Clayfield, Brisbane. Meetings commence at 8.00 pm and include talks, slideshows, auctions, raffles and club shop.
Meeting Dates in 2008	8 th February, 11 th April, 13 th June, 8 th August, 10 th October, 12 th December
Publication	In-Stream A-4 size published every second month, carrying notification of forthcoming talks and field trips, summaries of recent talks and activities, and a wide range of general information. In-Stream is available by snail mail in hard copy black & white or via the Web Site in colour.
Field Trips in 2008 16 th and 17 th February	A substantial survey and field trip program is planned in 2008 to these locations on the following dates:- Western Rivers to fish for Fluviatilis. We will be fishing Oakey Creek and Myall Creek on Saturday and the Condamine River and/or the Balonne River on Sunday. Meeting point on Saturday 16 February is McDonalds Toowoomba at 12.30pm. McDonalds is on the Warrego Highway/Bridge St on the western side of Toowoomba (opposite Wilsonton shipping centre). We will overnight in Dalby Tourist Park on the banks of Myall Creek (good opportunity for a spot of night fishing). Dalby is a 3 hour drive from Brisbane so members only wishing to fish the Sunday may still wish to overnight in either Dalby or Toowoomba on Saturday 16 Feb.
15 th and 16 th March	Mary River and Aussie Fish Farm. This is an overnighter in the Maryborough district. Saturday we will fish the Mary River. This is a significant survey due to the impending damming of the Mary River at Traveston Crossing. Sunday we will visit Aussie Fish Farms at Childers.
20 th April	Gold Coast

	Currumbin Creek and Nerang River for Duboulayi and Rhadinocentrus Ornatus.
22 nd June	Dry Feet Excursion. Underwater World or Pisces plant farm or some other aquaculture facility for a “dry feet” excursion.
17 th August	Little Yabba Creek Sunshine Coast. Nice fish and lovely plants.
13 th and 14 th September	Gladstone Overnighter to fish Station Creek, the Boyne River and the Calliope River. There is a lovely blue form of Duboulayi in Station Creek.
17 th to 19 th October	Combined ANGFA Clubs Field Trip The date is finalised but location is still to be decided with options being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenterfield (northern NSW), or • Cairns (north QLD), or • Bundaberg (QLD).
9 th November	Teviot Brook Inland from the Gold Coast – near Boonah.
14 th December	Christmas Party Annual ANGFA QLD Christmas Party – venue to be advised

Membership costs	ANGFA Qld costs \$30 per annum, visitors always welcome	
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	Membership: Leo Lee Ph: (07) 3378 8043 Email: LnK_Lee@bigpond.net.au	Editor: Adrian Tappin Ph: (07) 3348 7491 Email: chelmon@optushome.com.au
	Field Trip Coordinator: Andrew Reid Ph: 0421 212 080 Email: areid@hans.com.au	
ANGFA NSW		
Meetings	Meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of each month except January.	
Venue for Meetings	Australian Museum Search and Discovery Room, 6 College Street, Sydney (opposite Hyde Park). Meetings commence at 7.00 pm and include general discussion, talks, slideshows, auctions, raffles and club shop.	
Meeting Dates in 2008	5 th February, 4 th March, 1 st April, 6 th May, 3 rd June, 1 st July, 5 th August, 2 nd September, 7 th October, 4 th November, 2 nd December	
Publication	Rivus monthly newsletter single colour A-4 size keeps you up to date on club news within ANGFA NSW. Interesting local stories, read the latest reports on field trips, how to build backyard ponds, buy, swap & sell and more.	
Field Trips in 2008	Held on Sundays on the following dates: 10 th February, 9 th March, 6 th April, 11 th May, 8 th June, 6 th July, 10 th August, 7 th September, 12 th October, 9 th November, 7 th December	
	17 th to 19 th October	Combined ANGFA Clubs Field Trip The date is finalised but location is still to be decided with options being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenterfield (northern NSW), or • Cairns (north QLD), or • Bundaberg (QLD).
Membership costs	ANGFA NSW costs \$15 per annum, visitors always welcome Dual Renewal available for NSW (see http://www.angfa.org.au/membership.html)	
Postal Address	ANGFA NSW, 1 / 70 Coachwood Drive, Ourimbah NSW 2258	
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	Field Trip Coordinator: Guido Gouverneur Ph: (02) 9341 7448 Email: info@wroughtartworks.com			
ANGFA VIC				
Meetings	Commencing February every first Friday of each second month			
Venue for Meetings	Field Naturalist Club of Victoria, 1 Gardenia Ave, Blackburn, Melbourne. Doors open 7:30pm meetings commence at 8.00 pm and include general discussion, interesting talks and slideshows, raffles, an annual auction and trade table. Light supper supplied, visitors most welcome			
Meeting Dates in 2008	1 st February, 4 th April, 6 th June, 1 st August, 3 rd October, 5 th December			
Publication	VICNews newsletter single colour A-4 size published every second month keeps you up to date on club news within ANGFA Victoria. Learn about local aquatic conservation projects, find those hard to get fish and plants, more tips on successful breeding, read the latest reports on field trips, how to build backyard ponds, buy, swap & sell and more.			
Field Trips in 2008	23 rd and 24 th February	A weekend field trip to the Shepparton area to visit the many waterways including the Goulburn and Broken Rivers. Book your own accommodation at the Victoria Lake Caravan Park right on the Goulburn River (03) 5821 5431		
	Other dates for field trips are:- 19 th April, 21 st June, 16 th August, 18 th October			
	17 th to 19 th October	Combined ANGFA Clubs Field Trip The date is finalised but location is still to be decided with options being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenterfield (northern NSW), or • Cairns (north QLD), or • Bundaberg (QLD). 		
Membership costs	ANGFA VIC costs \$15 per annum, visitors always welcome Dual Renewal available for VIC (see http://www.angfa.org.au/membership.html)			
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SANFA				
Meetings	The first Monday of every Month except January. Visitors are always welcome.			
Venue for Meetings	Payneham Community Centre. Payneham Road, Payneham. Meetings start at 8:00pm.			
Meeting Dates in 2008	4 th February, 3 rd March, 7 th April, 5 th May, 2 nd June, 7 th July, 4 th August, 1 st September, 6 th October, 3 rd November, 1 st December			
Field Trips in 2008	Dates to be advised	The Club organises field trips for its members. We also encourage members to display Native Fish each year in the Royal Adelaide Show. The Club also does displays of Native Fish for educational purposes.		
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Membership costs	SANFA membership costs \$15 per annum, visitors always welcome	
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SANFA key contacts	President: Brian Booy Ph: (08) 8263 6247	ANGFA Liaison officer: Graham Walker Ph: (08) 8337 7007 Email: gwal0948@bigpond.net.au
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No excuse now not to attend one of the above events somewhere in Australia. If you know where you'll be on any given date around Australia, look up the calendar and feel free to join in. Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in person. We'll keep this as up to date as we can and next edition include information from around the world too. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

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