



# **BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004**

## **President's Report 2004**

Jeremy Arnold

The past year has been one of rebuilding for the Brisbane Sportfishing Club. Over the last few years, our membership level has declined significantly. The reasons for this are not entirely clear, but the outcome has been decreased attendance at Club meetings, fewer numbers on Club trips, and difficulty filling committee positions. Declining membership is not just a problem for the Brisbane Sportfishing Club. It seems to be common to many other fishing and other sporting clubs also. All the same it is a serious issue for our Club and addressing this has been the number one priority of the committee this year.

I accepted the position of President partly because someone needed to do it and partly for the challenge and experience it promised. My first couple of months were quite difficult and I was taken aback by the workload and the organisational and people skills required of the president. There was also some difficulty filling certain committee positions and the prospect of even winding up the Club was discussed on more than one occasion. Thankfully, Brad Turner and Mick Clare joined the committee for the first time, Darryl Lund came back on the committee and seven other club members stayed on in various positions. Gradually, both the running of the committee became smoother and the workload less as various jobs were taken care of.

The biggest challenge we faced as a committee was to turn around the decline in Club membership. We have attempted to address this by trying to deliver a better 'product'. We have:

1. tried to improve the format and content of the newsletter (of course this also depends on the material we receive to publish!)
2. organised a variety of interesting and fun activities at the Club meetings (remember the Quiz nights, rod building demo, rigging night, Warren Steptoe's barra slide show)
3. organised a variety of day or weekend trips to cater to different locations and types of fishing (eg Gold Coast marlin trip, Woody Pt trip, Carlo Pt trip)

Clearly, we have not yet turned this around and there is still a lot of work to be done in this area, but hopefully we are on the way.

Of course to increase our membership, we need publicity, and to this end we have:

1. produced a flyer which has been distributed to tackle shops and boat ramps
2. obtained advertising in the Yellow pages
3. obtained advertising and a regular report in Bush 'N Beach Fishing magazine
4. developed a new Club website which is regularly updated
5. listed the Club at several fishing sites on the Internet
6. listed the Club at [www.ourbrisbane.com.au](http://www.ourbrisbane.com.au)

A third item, which the committee saw as a priority, was to try to improve the Club's annual interclub competition. Change was inevitable anyway due to fencing of the Bongaree Caravan Pk making it no longer suitable for us. So we found a new venue at the TS Koopa which worked very well for us. We also changed the rules a bit to try to increase the social aspect of the comp. Unfortunately, the weather forecast and the fact that we had already postponed it from the original dates in March, probably resulted in a lower turn out than we had hoped. But significantly, the overall figures

from the comp put us in the black for the first time in at least 3 years. We feel that we will now be able to build on this for next year.

Other business the committee has taken care of include:

1. Club constitution ratified and submitted to Fair Trading Dept
2. New Club esky for drinks
3. New Club logo developed (as the original graphics could not be located for the old logo)
4. Reworked list of annual Club trophies
5. Various issues related to public liability insurance sorted out
6. New signatories secured for Club cheques

These items may seem insignificant, but do take time to address as I am sure all past committee members can attest. I hope all current Club members are satisfied with the 'product' they receive and feel they get value for money, and I hope you will all renew your memberships and encourage your fishing buddies to join too! Hopefully the hard work of the committee will start to pay off soon and we will see some new members joining up.

One of our most important revenue raising ventures each year are the RAW and GOLD days. Steve Watson puts a lot of time and effort into running these activities and deserves recognition (thanks Steve!) and also our support. I would also like to congratulate Roy Lane and Mike Clare who completed their Level 1 Coaching Accreditation Certificates for teaching fishing skills. They both assisted Sunfish with the 'Take a Kid Fishing' day in June. It is good to see Club members expanding their horizons in different directions and particularly in doing volunteer work helping others.

I encourage all members to put forward suggestions for meeting night activities and Club trips and let me or someone on the committee know if you would like to suggest a way we could improve what we are doing. Even more so, I encourage all members to try to come along to meeting nights and Club trips. Being in this Club is about participation.

I would like to thank each and every member of the committee for the work we all did to achieve the above for the Club over the past year. Anyone who has even served on a committee will know that none of the above was easy, and some of them involved a lot of work by one or several people. Thanks also to all of the Club members who attended meeting nights and Club trips and helped make them interesting and enjoyable occasions.

Tight lines and screaming reels

Jeremy Arnold

**BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2004**

**STATEMENT BY TREASURER**

To the best of my knowledge, the operating statement for the year ended 30 April 2004 and the balance sheet ended on that date presents a true and fair view of the results and state of affairs of the Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc.

David Marsh  
Treasurer (1/7/03 to present)

Peter Gannon  
Treasurer (1/5/03 to 30/6/03)

**STATEMENT BY AUDITOR**

In my opinion, the financial statements set out on pages 2 and 3 present fairly the financial position of the Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc. as at 30 April 2004 and the results of its operations for the year ended.

# BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Balance at Beginning of Year	16,573	17,300
Surplus/(Loss) for year	- 870	- 727
MEMBERS FUNDS	15,703	16,573
Represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand	278	150
Cash at Bank	4,601	3,731
Interest Bearing Deposit	9,666	9,672
Shares - MIM (800 @ \$1.20)	-	1,200
	14,545	14,753
FIXED ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment (at cost)	4,852	4,852
less: Provision for Depreciation	- 3,694	- 3,032
	1,158	1,820
TOTAL ASSETS	15,703	16,573
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors	-	-
NET ASSETS	15,703	16,573
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MORTGAGES, CHARGES AND SECURITIES		Nil

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## OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Subscriptions & Joining Fees	2,807	3,354
Sale of Goods	164	339
Raffles	67	226
Fishing Clinics	310	1,193
Competition Receipts	826	1,425
Interest Received	431	392
Dividends Received	-	16
Social Functions	296	506
ANSA Claims		-
ANSAware		9
Increase in Value of Shares		240
Profit on Sale of Assets	176	-
Other Income	26	-
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	5,103	7,700
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
ANSA Affiliation Fees	1,888	1,930
Cost of Goods Sold	280	381
Competition Costs	366	1,199
Annual Dinner Costs		-
Raffle Costs	100	89
Newsletter, Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,062	875
Bank Charges	92	120
Annual Trophy Costs	389	1,152
Statewide Meeting costs	235	360
ANSA claims		-
Depreciation	662	772
Rent - Sailing Club	200	-
Sunfish	50	-
Social Function Expenses	486	1,513
Other Expenses	163	36
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	5,973	8,427
<b>SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR YEAR</b>		
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	- 870	- 727