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SEPTEMBER 2007

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

General Meeting Minutes

Up and coming events

General Club business

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS
WEDNESDAY
26TH SEPTEMBER 2007**

General Meetings are held at the Rotary Hall Sandgate Street, South Perth on the fourth Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30pm.
New members, existing members and visitors are all welcome

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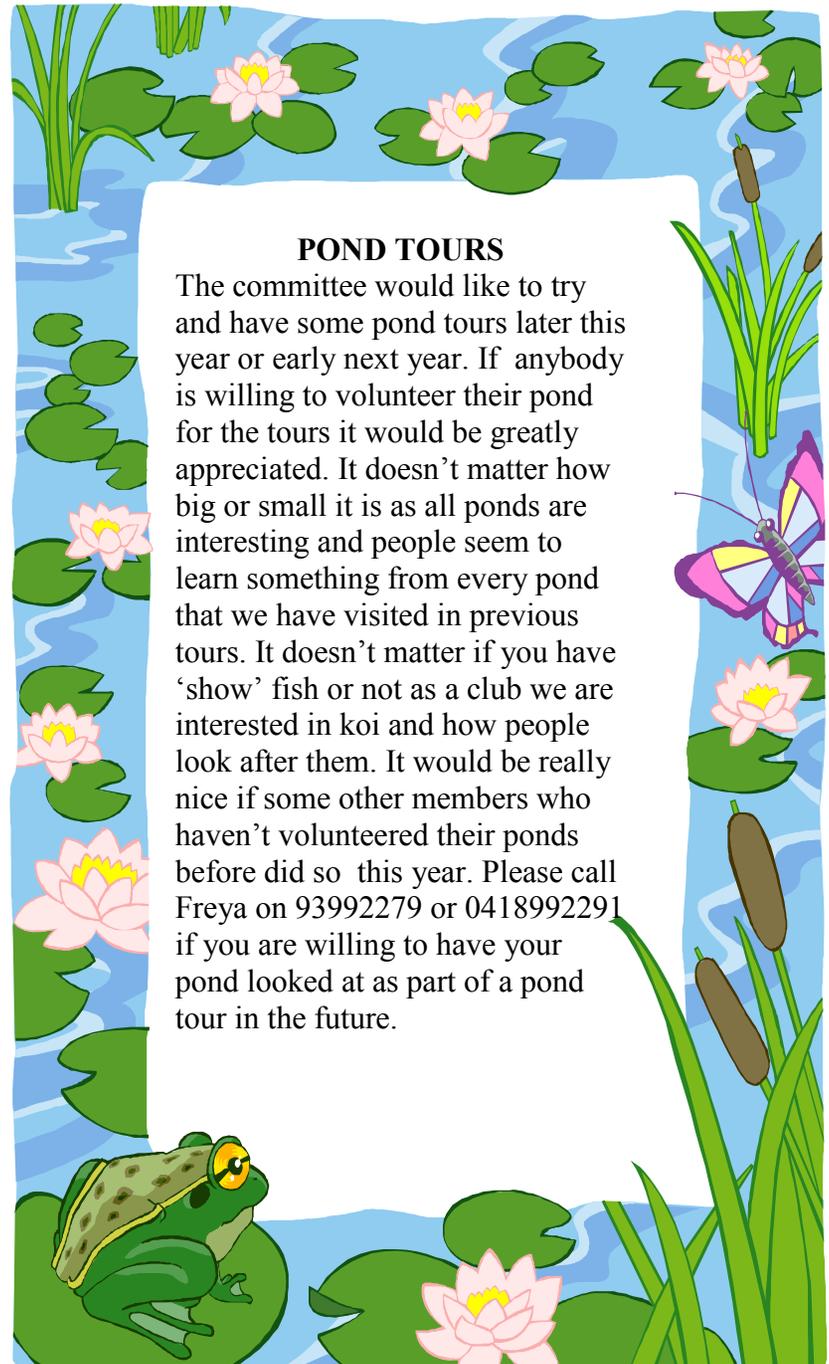
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POND TOURS

The committee would like to try and have some pond tours later this year or early next year. If anybody is willing to volunteer their pond for the tours it would be greatly appreciated. It doesn't matter how big or small it is as all ponds are interesting and people seem to learn something from every pond that we have visited in previous tours. It doesn't matter if you have 'show' fish or not as a club we are interested in koi and how people look after them. It would be really nice if some other members who haven't volunteered their ponds before did so this year. Please call Freya on 93992279 or 0418992291 if you are willing to have your pond looked at as part of a pond tour in the future.

WANTED

The website has a section where people may post questions. We are in need of a person to help Shona field these questions. To either provide the answers or find out the answer from other club members. Any volunteers? Please consider this as our website is looking good now and we would like to provide this service to our readers. If you are interested and can help please contact Shona.

We are also looking for members to fill these other vacancies

Vice President,

Shall act for the President in all duties when the President is unable due to absence, or otherwise, to perform those duties.

At each general meeting the Vice-President shall take the chair for the purpose of receiving the nominations for and the election of the President for the ensuing year.

Sales Table

Shall have custody of all goods required to support members through the sales table and make such goods available at all General Meeting nights and any other function as agreed with Committee.

In addition:-

Finances will be audited on an annual basis by the Society's nominated financial auditor and in time for tabling at the AGM.

Finances of the sales table shall be tabled quarterly through the Treasurer to Committee level.

The Sales Table person shall maintain records which support all sales, table commercial dealing and all accounts supporting the purchase of goods for the sales table will be in the name of the KSWA.

A cheque account will be set up to facilitate this.

The Sales Table person shall have the autonomy to buy and sell commodities at best prices as she/he sees fit.

Show Chairman, Door person

These positions are important to the club and the person will be fully supported by other members of the committee.

Hello Everyone,

Well, I had a restful sleep after the auction as it was a pretty big day and lots of work for me. I hope all who came enjoyed themselves and got the fish they wanted.

Welcome new members Stanley Bell, Doug Evans, Mike & Anna Evans, Graham & Karen Lynch and Oliver Storig, I hope you and your families enjoy your time with the KSWA.

Freya

Events Calendar

26th September 2007– General Meeting

24th October 2007– General Meeting

Koi Society of Western Australia - General Minutes, 22nd August 07

Opened: 7.40 PM **Apologies:** Phil Lehmann, Chris Powell.

Visitors: None

New members: get names.

Points Arising from Previous Minutes: There were no points arising
Minutes accepted as true record. **Moved:** Sharon Smith **Seconded:** Ross
Franklin

Carried: All

Treasurers Report: as at 22nd August

Income	\$.
Expenditure	\$.
KSWA Closing Balance:	\$.

Moved: Sharon Smith **Seconded:** Kylie Wall **Carried:** All

Correspondence In: Allan Bennett resignation from committee positions
and as show chairman.

Correspondence Out:

Letter to commercial Koi outlets about public auction.

Rules about public Koi auction

Letter to annual show exhibitors about pump return.

Library: Tim LeRoy talked about books, DVD and CD's available for
members.

Sales Table: Alan Peck. Concentrated water conditioner, vortex brushes,
filter brushes and air pumps plus many other items are stocked by the sales
table.

General business:-

Allan Bennett's resignation was briefly discussed. Allan needs a break from
his club duties and hopes to rejoin the committee at a later date.

The club is looking for a vice president and a show chairman.

Sharon Smith nominated David Gibson or Miki Mo.

Liaison with the show sponsors and the department of Fisheries are other
positions to be filled.

The president Ces Graham handed the tag over to Tim for his trophy.

Allan Bennett briefed us on the rules for the public auction.

The public auction should not be looked at as a commercial bonanza
but as an outlet for pond fish and surplus fish not wanted by club mem-
bers. A limit of 20 koi to be auctioned per member and fish under 25cm
to be bagged in lots and marked with fixed pricing.

Oxygen to be supplied by Bill Passey. Please look after fish, members
from RSPCA and / or Fisheries could attend. Keep comments positive.

Urs to be in charge of bin allocation, position and sequence in line with
bookings.

Owners to be at their bins and bag the koi sold. Also mark bag with
bidder number.

Public Auction Day



Setting up of the area and
getting all the paper work
ready

A couple of cold looking but
friendly members.



Some interested buyers are
starting to appear

Sorry Judy but I didn't
get a chance to take many
photos so yours is in!





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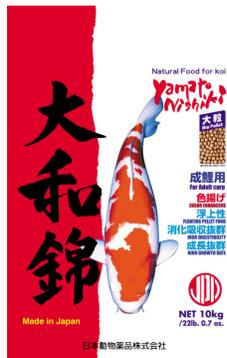


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	2 nd	Kohaku	John Moneta
	3 rd	Hi Showa	Freya Whitton

Non Gosanke	1 st	Gin Rin Shiro Utsuri	Allan Bennett
	2 nd	Harawak	Freya Whitton
	3 rd	Gin Rin Kohaku	Freya Whitton

Judges Rod neyHansen, Terry Amos, Kylie Wall

Presentation of the meeting:

David Gibson gave us a talk on fibreglassing and its components, matt, resin and catalyst. He explained the different application methods, manual laying or choppergunning, its advantages and its workings.

Meeting closed 22.25 pm

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Well, The digging has started. It was a fine Friday morning when Rick came round to my place and said he had a few hours to spare and did I want him to start on the hole for the pond I said "yes please". I raced off and took Jade to school and got the load of sand I was going to spread for the lawn we were going to lay that weekend. Rick started up his bobcat and I got out the wheelbarrow and shovel. Everything was going along smoothly then all of a sudden the sky opened up and down came the rain. We got saturated. We both had to duck for cover and watch from the verandah for awhile I had to get the trailer back so I donned on my raincoat and continued on shoveling sand noticing that it was getting heavier with every drop of rain! Rick soldered on as well and did a great job till he hit hard ground. I will need to get a backhoe in to finish the job. With all the rain falling we noticed that we needed to dig some channels so it didn't all just flow into the hole. Once done we decided to have a hot cuppa then I remembered I didn't have any milk so it ended up being herbal tea(Rick will probably bring his own thermos next time).

So the building of the pond is on its way. There has been some delay on the fibreglassing of the pond but all is fixed now and hopefully by the next newsletter I will be able to show you some photos of the pond coming together.

Mike and I have been having conversations planning the way I am going to have the pond and hopefully I won't change my mind so many times that he throws up his hands and walks away! Graham already has that not listening look on his face when I start talking about the pond I am sure he regrets saying I could build a new pond if I really wanted one. He keeps saying just tell me the final cost and then I'll listen and I keep saying well it depends on this and that, not quite sure yet but hopefully I will come under budget. Stop laughing, I know it always costs more than you think.

Till next update,

Freya

This is just a short message re: What's happening around the club recently. As some of you know by now Allan Bennett has decided he needs a rest from the official duties he's been performing these last seven years or so. Allan has done a lot of work and most people don't realize the effort and time that's gone into those duties. To Allan may we all say a very, very big thank-you and we hope you will be back on the committee in the not to distant future.

Consequently we are calling for nominations at this month's meeting for Vice President and Show Chairman. Don't be bashful as you have a very willing committee to support you and maybe you'll get as much satisfaction as Allan did, both positions are independent from each other.

On a high note, the recent public auction was a success, both to members and the club financially. Thank-you to all the members that gave their time and effort to make the day a success.

As always you can rely on the few to help when there's any work to be done. Special thanks go to Tim & Allan, the organizer. On the down side it seems that some members don't bother to read the newsletter re: rules for our public events.

This makes it frustrating to the people organizing and sometimes confusing to the membership. In the future those rules will apply to everyone regardless.

Ending with a happy note, congratulations to Larry & Shirlyn on the birth of their first child, Tarl, I believe Larry has been trained to do the night duty and loves it.

Ces Graham
President.

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Air Stones 50mm @ \$5 and 40mm @ \$4

Plastic Bags \$1.00

Test kits

Keeping Koi in Australia \$20 – it is the Oz Bible on koi keeping

Please support your Sales Table

Organising and staging an event takes a lot of work and preparation. The few members that are prepared to volunteer and give up their time and put in an effort do not so for personal gain. It would be nice if participants in events would appreciate this and respect the time restraints, the rules and maybe consider lending a hand even if they are not a member of the committee.

I know not all of my comments are positive but I feel that somebody has to address the lack of commitment and participation in the club. Whilst some members put in up to 20 and more hours, not to mention the cost of phone calls and fuel to organize an event others do not see fit to place a 30 second phone call in time.

These comments are purely my (Urs Haefeli) opinions and do not reflect the individual committee members or the committees opinion. I hope my comments do not cause any offence and I would be pleased to respond to members concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Urs Haefeli Club Secretary/ Membership Officer.



Well, we have reached our target of obtaining a trailer for the club . The committee would like to express our appreciation to all the members who helped in making this happen. It will now be a lot easier to transport club equipment to any club events.

The Public Koi Auction 26th August 2007

Our first public Koi auction at Cannington Greyhound Complex got on the way at 7.00 AM by opening of the gates. The first job was setting up the tanks Tim and Allan picked up the previous week from our container. The layout was in sequence of members booking tanks and favoured accessibility for vehicles and trailers whilst making it easy for the auctioneers and the bidders. The available taps on site nearly delivered enough water to fill the 19 auction tanks and the one holding tank in time for the benching. The Wall girls, Nancy and Kylie, trucked 3000 litres in and I brought 600 litres. This saved us ordering a water tanker at a cost of about \$ 300.00. The much needed oxygen kits were made available by the Wall's and the Passey's.

Fourteen sellers ordered 19 bins and entered lots of Koi over 25 cm and a lot of bagged fixed price lots. Sorry for making the auction entry rules up late in the game. Allowed were 20 Koi to be auctioned per member and fixed priced bag lots. Due to the effort of the committee the auction got on the way in time. The number of visitors was limited by the atrocious weather but bidding during the auction was fine and I hope most members were happy with their sales. The auctioneers, baggers and administrative persons did an outstanding job and the auction finished in time. Thanks to all organisers and helpers.

To make this public auction a successful annual event it will need fine tuning.

The booking of tanks had to be confirmed by telephoning myself by August 10th. This was stated in the June newsletter onwards and at every subsequent meeting. Booking of one or two tanks was for free. Out of 14 members two rang other committee members and five entered late, one cancelled his tank at the meeting before the auction, one did not cancel his tank and a further one wanted to order a tank the Saturday morning before the auction (entry was refused) and the last one rang a committee member for a tank on the auction morning. Rumor has it that although he got refused he entered his Koi in an acquaintance's tank.

What's on at the next meeting.

We will be having the critique on the table fish

Rodney Hansen will be talking on the varieties of Ogon and Kujaku.

Panel discussion for beginners on the basic ideas of koi keeping and pond maintenance as requested by new members.



It is good to see members coming to the general meetings but could you please remember to sign in when you come and pay the \$2 entry fee. This helps to pay for the hire of the hall.

To KSWA Committee and Members.

I would like to apologise for my actions at the recent public Koi Auction.

I should not have put in two under 25cm fish, these did not comply with the rules.

In my defence, I felt that they were good quality fish and I did not want to cover them in a bag, and did not want to put a price on them as more than one person had shown interest and auctioning them was easier for me.

That said, it was no excuse, what is good for one should be for all. I don't think anyone was seriously affected by my actions but it did bring unnecessary pressure on the persons that had volunteered there time to run the auction for the benefit of our Club.

Rules are not made to be broken, they are there to make an organised even playing field for all and I do apologise for stepping over the line.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Passey.

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