REWSLETTER





Above: Koi Society of Australia 2016 Grand Champion. Owned by Ros & Lars Lindberg

Northern Branch Meetings

Wanneroo Recreation Centre, Scenic Road, Wanneroo 7.30pm, second Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting: 14th June
Agenda: Judging Competition &
Using a microscope to identify parasites

Southern Branch Meetings

Rotary Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth 7.30pm, forth Wednesday of each month (except December)

Next Meeting: 22nd June
Agenda: Under 35cm Finals & BBQ
See page 8 for more details



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Welcome & News

Welcome to our new members and first time readers. For everyone else we hope you find the new newsletter design appealing and useful. We hope you can get all your club and koi news right here. So if you find a good article somewhere else please let us know so we can try including it in an upcoming issue for everyone else to read. editor@koiclubwa.com.au

With the Annual Koi Show not far away now the Executive Committee have been hard at work getting the final touches ready for the show at it's new home, Willow Pond Reception Centre. Please look through the next couple of pages for information about the Show and the Presentation Dinner. Make sure you have the 12th of June marked in your calendar and tell all your friends to come have a look as it is FREE entry for everyone, plus there will be Koi for sale!

A world record attempt will be made at the show, while not with koi but its close cousin, the goldfish (Carassius auratus). Dr Richmond Loh will be measuring a clients goldfish 'Goldie' to try and beat the current record for the longest goldfish!

Also in this issue we have the wrap up of the pond tour, the previous branch meeting minutes and an article from Mark Gardner on how the varieties of Koi have grown from the late 60's to now. Plus our sponsors, the sales table and some thank you's and best wishes.

In the meantime, Happy Koi Keeping to everyone!

KSWA Financial Report - April 2016

2016 Event Calendar

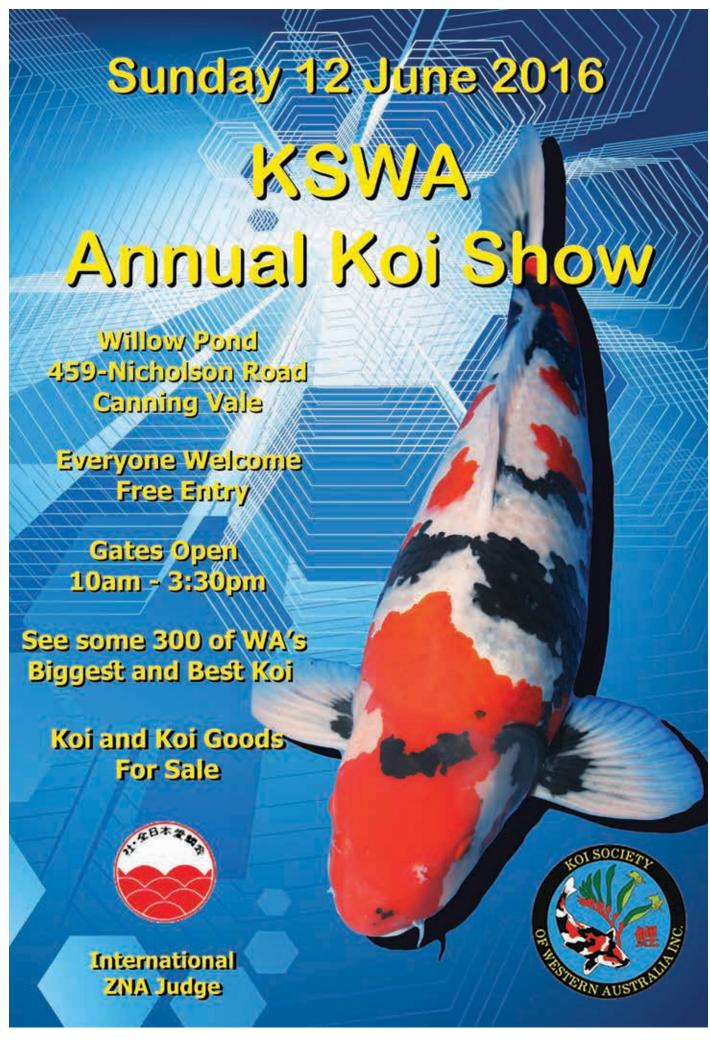
Sunday 12th June - 26th Annual Koi Show, Willow Pond Reception Centre, Canning Vale

Monday 13th June - Presentation Dinner, 6.30pm Willow Pond, Canning Vale

Tuesday 14th June - Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 22nd June - Southern Branch Meeting, South Perth

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KSWA ANNUAL KOI SHOW

Our biggest event of the year is fast approaching. This will be the first time at our new venue at Willowpond in Canning Vale. Many don't get a lot of chance to get around visiting many of our member's ponds, so it is one of the highlights of the year seeing all your koi on display at the Show and inspire each other to be a better koi keeper for the rest of the year.

It is an enjoyment seeing how fish have changed and grown from previous years, and watching the public's reaction to the sheer size of some of the fish our longer term members bring along.

We are very pleased to welcome Kate McGill and Terry McNeil as our judges this year, both ZNA certified and coming from Sydney for the weekend.

ONLINE ENTRIES NOW OPEN

You can now enter your koi online at http://koiclubwa.com/showentry.toy

If you have any trouble with the entry form, or would prefer to enter with printed photos you are welcome to bring them along to any meeting, reply to Shona's email, or phone her on 0428746620.

If you haven't entered the Show before and it's something you think you might like to have a go at, please don't hesitate to call Shona (or any committee member) and have a chat about it. We can help with the whole process from the entry form, to advice on transport.

The Show Entry Pack is also a good place to start: www.koiclubwa.com/memberforms.toy

WATER TRUCK SOURCE EXACT SAME AS LAST YEAR

The water used at our Annual Show will be from the exact same source as last year. No tapwater will be used in the Show bins, it will be brought in by truck as it was last year.

NEW VENUE

The arrangements with our new venue at Willowpond mean that we won't be charging a gate entry fee to the public, but save a huge amount on venue hire fees as Willowpond have generously offered their venue free of charge for our use. We are hoping the free entry will also increase public attendance.

We are looking at improving the public's experience at the Show by introducing a "welcome table" where the public can see powerpoint presentations on the basics of koi varieties, information about our club, and a friendly face they can ask questions to. Paul has kindly put his hand up for this job but could use a hand, so if you have a couple of hours free on Show day, please reply to Shona's email or call her on 0428746620.

MEMBERS SELLING FISH AT SHOW

The committee have also decided this year to bring back members selling fish at the Show. There is a tickbox on the online entry form which you can use to indicate you would like to reserve a space, and as in previous years you need to enter 5 fish in the Show to qualify for a space to sell fish. If you are interested in this option please tick the box on the entry form, and we will be in touch with you with further details (you are always welcome to cancel your interest if you change your mind on selling). As it is a new venue, we still have a few details to iron out in the next couple of weeks.

NEW VARIETY MUJIMONO

Our head body (ZNA) have recently made some changes to the Show varieties which we have chosen to adhere to. Where we used to have Kawarimono (which we affectionately call the "miscellaneous variety"), we now have a new variety called Mujimono so all "single coloured non-metallic koi" will be moved out of Kawarimono where they were previously, and put into Mujimono. This is not to be confused with Hikari Mujimono, which is all "single coloured METALLIC koi" which remains unchanged (hikari means metallic, so the 3 Hikari- varieties are all metallic fish). But don't stress if you aren't sure about this change, because we are keeping Kawarimono and Mujimono combined for judging (just like Asagi & Shusui) so it makes no practical difference when it comes to filling in the Show entry form. The only change it makes in reality, is that we will have a separate Variety Champion for Kawarimono and Mujimono, so it's an extra prize available! Our updated Show Entry Pack is now available on our website on the forms page www.koiclubwa.com/memberforms.toy and outlines these new variety changes.

Thank you again, and if there is anything we can help with, please don't hesitate to ask. Shona Macskasy Show Chairperson



Koi Show Presentation Dinner

Willow Pond Reception Centre

459 Nicholson Road, Canning Vale Monday 13 June 2016 6:30pm for 7pm start

Come and celebrate the success of another year's hard work & dedication in koi keeping & breeding. Door prizes will be up for grabs! You don't need to have entered the Show, all members are welcome.

3 Course À la carte Meal \$45 per adult

Book your tickets with (after 4pm) or info@koiclubwa.com.au. Payment can be made at the Show but tickets must be booked by **Monday 6th June**

We need to confirm numbers a week in advance so please let us know as soon as possible.







KSWA Northern Branch - May Meeting

Date: May 10, 2016 **Attendance**: 27 members

Apologies: Brett Thomas, Tony Cornwall, Alex Lowe, Wayne, and Joel Barcich

Allan commenced the meeting regarding a feedback survey, in which members were asked about their thoughts on not starting the meeting with formalities, such as the finance and current standing of the club. Members agreed to not start the meetings with these and get straight into "fish talk", unless the purpose of letting the members know of the club's standing was acknowledged.

The Pond Tour was held on Saturday, 7th of May, and had a good turn-out of around 30 members. A big thank you to Sang, Dave Brown, and Allan for opening their homes to the members and view their beautiful ponds and koi.

Shona addressed the members on Committee news. Members were informed that ENTRIES are NOW OPEN for the Annual Koi Show in June, with entry to the show grounds FREE for the public. Des updated members that fees for selling fish at the Show will now be \$80 per bin (max 2 bins) and the cost includes water (from same trucks as Show water), air pump and main line. Members to provide their own bin/s, airstones, airline/fittings, bags and oxygen.

Allan has advised members to get organised and make a To-Do list, a couple of weeks before the show to have a stress-free show. Also check out the show pack, which has sample lists for the show.

Members were updated about the KHV issue and has been informed that the federal government has provided \$15 million in support of KHV. The club is trying their best to prevent the release of KHV and have talked to several fishing companies, which all have similar concerns for the outcome of the release (i.e. many dead carp). A website is currently being produced informing the general public about the virus and to try to stop its release. Members will be informed, once it is up and running.

Due to personal commitments, Jun has stepped down as the club's newsletter editor. Shona thanked Jun on behalf of the club for being the newsletter editor in the past couple of years and welcomed Ryan in taking the position.

Des informed and invited members to the Southern Branch's Under 35 Show Final on Wednesday, 22nd of June. It is open to everyone and there will be BBQ, cool drinks, and water provided on the night (Please B.Y.O if you intend to drink). Rodney, Kerry, and Con will be putting the show together.

Allan showed a short presentation to the members about the 2016 AKA Show in Sydney. He showed photos of the award winning fish, including the Grand Champion which is a 62-63 cm female showa. He also showed the variety champion, which is a 76 cm kujaku, which is the daughter of Grand Champion (B), also referred as runner up. He also showed photos of a 65 cm koromo (Superior Champion a.k.a. 2nd Runner Up), a 70 cm showa (Jumbo Champion), a bekko (KSWA Friendship Trophy Winner), and a 52 cm Ginrin Matsukawabake owned by Graham Famelli.

- **3 Questions**: Jared presented three questions to the members and they were:
 - 1. Do water parameters have to be the same when transferring newly laid eggs?
 - 2. Is it better to have more surface area to get a better hatch rate?
 - 3. If there are fungi, can you get rid of them?

Thank you Jared for the questions and to the members who contributed their knowledge to answer them. Paul asked for volunteers and Kevin volunteered to come up with questions for next month's meeting. Thank you, Kevin. Members were reminded to please volunteer for 3 Questions.

Barry reminded the members that ZNA membership is due on Wednesday, 18th May. He encouraged members to join and showed a ZNA magazine, in which they started to put articles and Con wrote a good article about last year's show. There are currently 21 ZNA members and we need 25 members to be able to request Japanese judges for our show.

KSWA Northern Branch - May Meeting

Allan asked for volunteers to show a short 10-minute presentation on a fish type, for the next 4 months. The following fish type were *Yamatonishki*, *Shockikubai*, *King Gin Rin*, and *Ozone*. Allan wanted origins and types of *King Gin Rin* and basic description and uses in a pond of *Ozone*, to be covered in particular.

July Meeting: *Yamatonishki* presentation by Des **August Meeting**: *Shochikubai* presentation by Jun **September Meeting**: *King Gin Rin* presentation by Kevin

October Meeting: Ozone presentation by Rob

Thank you Des, Jun, Kevin, and Rob for volunteering to present.

Table Show Results – Thank you to our judges: Sang, Tim, and Hai.

Table Show A: 1st Kohaku, 2nd Showa (Tim), 3rd Shiro **Table Show B**: 1st Ogon (Tim), 2nd Harawak (Ray) **Table Show Ginrin**: 1st Showa (Allan), 2nd Sanke (Allan) **Table Show Doitsu**: 1st Shusui, 2nd Shusui, 3rd Shusui

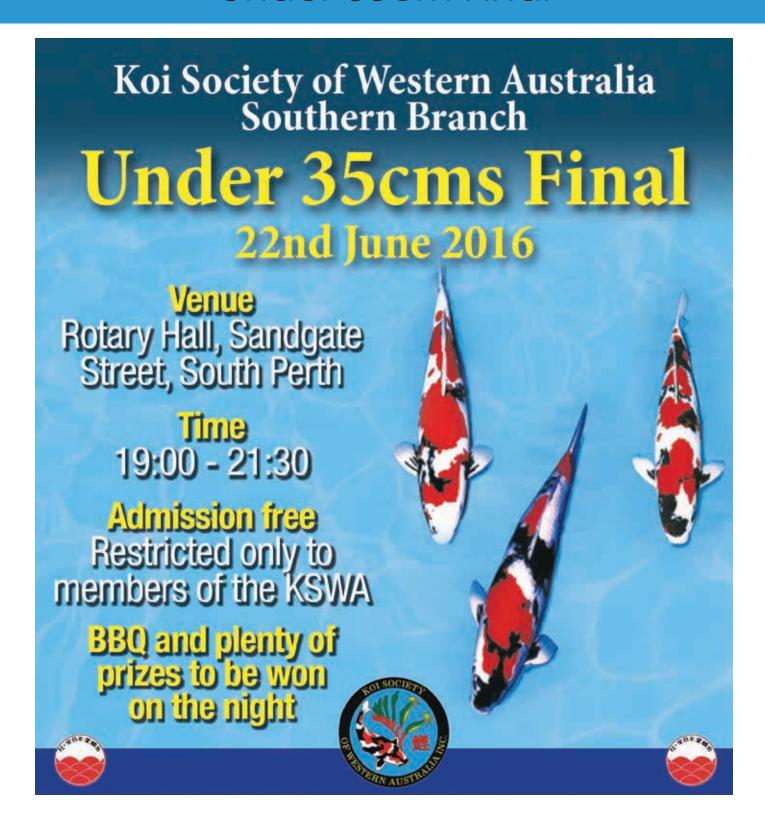
Although, Tim entered fish for the table show, he was allowed to judge to give him the chance to judge as he doesn't get this opportunity often. Congratulations to the winners of the Table Show!

Due to members having to leave early, Allan moved his original presentation to next meeting and substituted it with his Flow Through Pond presentation. There was a lot of feedbacks and suggestions from the members on how to improve this flow through pond. Thank you, Allan.

Raffle: Congratulations to Denzel (1st), Fran (2nd), Fred (3rd), and Barry (4th), for winning the night's raffle! **Chase the Ace**: After Martin and Con failed to reveal the ace; it has jackpotted to \$450 for next month's meeting.

Meeting was closed at 9.30pm

Under 35cm Final



Evolution of Variety Classes



If you've read any of the 'demystified' guides to the All Japan Koi Show, Wakagoi Show or International Junior Koi Show, you'll be aware that the All Japan Nishikigoi Promotion Association (AJNPA or Shinkokai) now divides Koi into 21 variety classifications.

The most recent addition being the Mujimono class which was introduced with effect of the 2016 All Japan Koi Show.

Not all shows in Japan are the same, for example the ZNA uses 17 variety classes at its All Japan Show (it doesn't have Doitsu, Kujaku, Kumonryu or Hi/Ki Utsuri classes). At the Niigata Nogyosai, just 11 variety classes are used (Kohaku, Sanke, Showa, Utsurimono, Hikarimuji, Kinginrin, Goshiki/Koromo, Kawarimono, Hikarimoyo, Doitsugoi and Tancho). Wherever you are in the world chances are your shows use less than the 21 varieties of the AJNPA.

When the 1st All Japan Koi Show was held in 1968 there were just 7 varieties; Kohaku, Sanke, Utsurimono, Hikarimuji, Hikarimoyo, Asagi/Shusui and Kawarimono.

When the 2nd show took place in 1970 the number had increased to 8 with the addition of Showa. A year later, at the 3rd show the number of varieties increased to 11 with Bekko, Kin Gin Rin & Hikariutsuri added.

At the 5th Show in 1973 Tancho were added as their own variety.

Koromo were added as the 13th variety class for the 8th show in 1976.

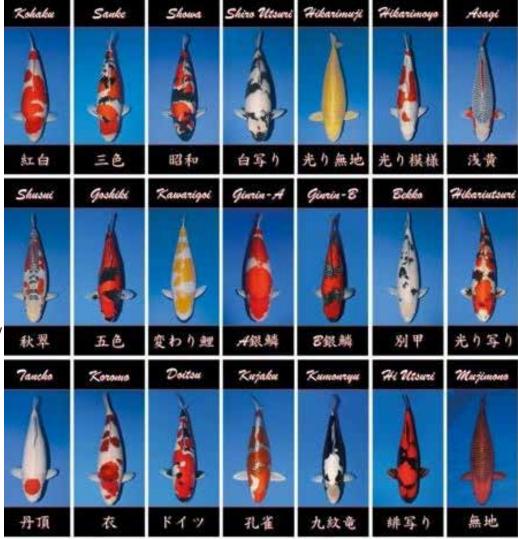
It wasn't for another 7 years, in 1983 and the 15th show that the next variety was added, Doitsugoi.

At the 20th show in 1988 there were quite a few changes. Asagi and Shusui became varieties in their own rights. Kinginrin was split into Ginrin A and Ginrin B. Goshiki was added as a new variety class.

The 1994 and 26th show saw the addition of Kujaku and Kumonryu.

Until 2012 and the 43rd show that was how things remained. In 2012 Utsurimono was split into 2 classes, Shiro Utsuri in one, Ki Utsuri and Hi Utsuri in the other.

In 2016 the 21st variety, Mujimono, was introduced.



Above: The 21 recognised varieties of Koi

Thanks to Mark Gardner from www.nishkigoi.life for this article.

Pond Tour 2016 - Northern Suburbs

The latest pond tour took place on the 7th May and was attended by around 30 members and their partners. While the weather played tricks on us throughout the day by raining one minute and then sunny the next, everyone enjoyed themselves and it was great to see 3 very nice but different ponds.

The first stop was at Sang's place, where he has a semi-formal style pond with about 80cm above the ground level and was around 2 meters deep. He has a home made filtration system consisting of several IBC's filled with various filter media which was fed by a bottom drain and returned via a little rocky water fall and spill way. The water quality certainly looked good and his large koi proved it works. A great shade and netting system I thought for providing protection but still being able to get to the pond surface easily when needed.

He also has many beautiful bonsai around his property which are truly works of art which complement his koi collection.



Above: The crowd gathering around Sang's Pond

Above: A tropical oasis surrounds Dave's Pond

Next we headed north to Dave's semi-rural property which was a great space for a large natural type pond and expansive gardens. Surrounded by large palms and bordered by a rocky edge this pond sat beautifuly in the landscape.

Approximately 1.8 meters deep and around 8x5 meters at the main part it had great surface area to volume. With a custom built filter with multiple chambers for different filer media as well as plant filtration in some sections of the pond.

Many of the fish in the pond were bred and raised by Dave and some fish are more than 10 years old.

Just a short drive to Allans place to finish off the day and to grab some lunch. For those that hadn't previously seen Allan's pond the viewing window proved to be popular to check out some of the many prize wining fish in there.

His main formal koi pond is around 2.5m deep and approx. 4m wide and over 10m long. It has several filters to cope with the near 100,000 litre capacity.

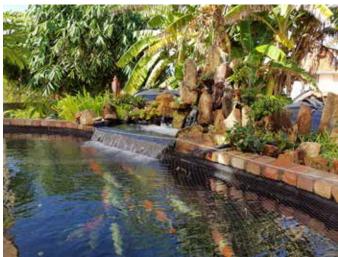
His new flow through pond was also a good talking point as it is a new deisgn he is trialling with the hope to grow on yearlings quickly.

Thank you to Sang, Kevin & Allan for opening their homes and ponds to us and for their hospitality.



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Pond Tour Photos



The waterfall and spillway at Sang's Pond



A group of koi in Sang's pond



The crew admiring the view





A look at the new flow through pond at Allan's



An array of koi in Allan's main pond

KSWA Southern Branch - April Meeting

Date: April 27, 2016

Attendance:

Apologies: Jun Hua Goa, Sharon Smith, Julia & Keith

OPEN TIME-7:55 PM

BUSINESS CLUB-

Show Report,

Committee is allowing members to sell fish at this year's show. Water for sale tubs will be same as bought in water as usual for show, not water from the grounds. Members selling fish need to supply their own air pumps water pumps and if needed-filters with air stones as well.

Rodney Hansen reminded everyone that ZNA and KSWA memberships were now due.

7th May 2016 is the Northern Branch Tour, 3 ponds, thank you Sang, Dave Brown and AB for hosting.

Kerry reminded those with fish in the under 35's comp to try get photo's to him of fish entered through the year.

BUSINESS NEWSLETTER-

ANNUAL KOI SHOW-WILLOW POND CANNINGVALE JUNE 12, 2016

Kate McGill and Terry McNeil as possible judges judging the 2016 KSWA annual koi show this year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- NIL.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Bank balance as of this meeting = \$1,612.60 Hall fee's for the year have been paid.

3 QUESTIONS, BY Greg Rowney.

1) What type of quarantine set up should you have or can you set up? It was said a separate small pond or or large tub with its own filter and a koi companion to keep the new fish company was a good set up.

2) What do people feed in winter?

Wheat germ was mentioned by most as the fish don't need high protein due to colder weather and the lesser ability to digest as well as the warmer months.

3) How do you know how much food quantity to feed to your fish?

Answers included –observation a good key ie- enough food for the fish to finish within around 5-10 mins, a couple people mentioned they fast their fish for a couple of weeks .

Table show competition- NIL.

UNDER 35's competition-

1 st – Yamabuki Ogon , Tim Leroy 2 nd - Platinum Ogon , Tim Leroy 3 rd - Gin Rin Yamabuki Ogon , Tim Leroy

Presentation- Part 2 Flow Through Pond BY Allan Bennett.

CLOSING TIME - 10;10 PM.



KSWA Southern Branch - May Meeting

Date: May 25, 2016 **Attendance**:

Apologies: Fred Sharp, Sharon Smith

Meeting open at- 7: 30 pm.

Any visitors- nil.

Treasurer's report-\$100 out for ZNA, Balance is \$1584.40.

Sales table- Kerry announced there's a new premium food available at \$14 per 1.1 kg. Also available in 5.5 kg bags in different size pellets. Aquatec will be giving out small samples at the show on the day.

Club business- Rodney mentioned the KSWA annual show was on the 12 th June. Judges confirmed for the show –Kate McGill and Terry McNeil with Ian Andrews doing photography.

Free entry to this years show.

Fish entries now open and show pack is on the website.

Good to see Bill and Judy Passey showing this year.

Presentation night at Willow Pond in Canning Vale on the Monday night after the show-\$45 per ticket.

Open to the floor-There was a discussion on soft vs hard water.

Rodney explained some pro's and con's of hard water.

Judges for table show and under 35's-Miki Mo & Damp; Alan Peck.

Table show-

A no entries.

B 1 st -small Asagi, 2 nd big Asagi, 3 rd medium Asagi -all Kerry Cross's fish.

Gin Rin 1 st medium gin rin Asagi, 2 nd big gin rin Asagi, 3 rd small gin rin Asagi- all Kerry Cross's fish.

Under 35's Comp.

A 1 st big Sanke, 2 nd little Sanke, 3 RD kohaku – all Ray Lion's fish.

B 1 st Shusui –Con Pismiris , 2 nd Yamabuki ogon, Ray Lions, 3 rd Yamabuki ogon Ray Lions.

Close Meeting - 9: 30pm.

World Record Attempt

Official Guinness World Record attempt for "world's longest goldfish" at the Koi Show

Dr Richmond Loh (The Fish Vet) has worked with us this year to organise a Guinness Book of Records world record attempt for "world's longest goldfish". The fish will be presented at our Annual Show for viewing, and officially measured on site during the event.



Above: 'Goldie'. Possible new world record holder.

Thanks

"I must say thank you to Norm who helped clear up all my old koi equipment - it was a big heavy clean up job done - and very kindly it was taken care of while I was interstate." - Brian

Our Best Wishes

On behalf of all the members, our best wishes are with Bill Passey for a speedy recovery after his recent surgery.

Our thoughts are with the Wall family at this time and we wish Norm a speedy recovery.

(Please see Noran Wall Facebook page to keep in touch with the family as they may not be able to answer the phone/emails).



KSWA Sales Table

The sales table is an initiative of the KSWA to help members source quality pond and koi products at better than retail prices, a benefit of being a member of the club. All proceedes from the sales table are used as a fund raiser for the clubs needs. The Sales table is available at each branch meeting and some other club events. Please support your club by purchasing items through the sales table.

This is just a sample of what can be supplied!

Portable DC Air Pump - 40L/min, 80L/min & 120L/min

Water Conditioners/Dechlorinator - 0.5L, 2.5L & 5L **Bacteria Clarifier** - 85g

Koi Food (Ocra Quick Grow, Ocra What Germ & SEKERIN) available in small and medium sizes + fry food - 1kg & 10kg bags

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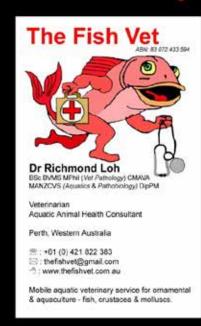
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