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# KOI SOCIETY OF WA



## JANUARY 2010 Issue

New members, existing members and visitors are welcome at all meetings.

**General Meetings** are held at

Rotary Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth  
7:30pm, on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except Dec)

**Northern Branch Meetings** are held at

Wanneroo Recreation Centre, Scenic Road, Wanneroo  
7:30pm, on the second Tuesday of each month.

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS  
WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2010**

**NEXT NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING IS  
TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2010**

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### Northern Branch

Chairman	Allan Bennett
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Tea & Coffee	Ray Lines

# NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS—December

*The General Manager of Carlton & United paused a moment and then placed his order: "VB."*

*The head of XXXX smiled and said "I'll have a Diet Coke."*

*The others looked at him as if he had sprouted a new head. "Well," he said with a shrug, "if you wusses aren't drinking beer, then neither will I."*

### General Discussion

- Des asked about several hundred of his 20mm fry dying—they fell on sides. Suggested it could be sleeping disease or gill fluke. Sleeping disease caused by fungus or bacteria, use salt 5kg/1000L. Ian has used formaldehyde & malachite green. Act quickly if this problem is suspected! Gill flukes make fish flare their gills, making head appear larger.
- Another member asked about a female who appears roed up (full of eggs) and how to get her to release eggs. Suggestions were to transfer to breeding pond, slightly different water parameters may stimulate. Rare cases have been tumours not eggs. Most will release eggs in their own time not get stuck.

### String Algae (aka blanket weed)

This is a common koi pond problem that is hard to solve. Usually it is caused by excess nutrients in the pond water. pH is also an issue as it is usually in alkaline ponds not acidic. Fixing the cause is best—add shade, reduce fish numbers or amount of food. Possible solutions are:

- Barley straw—works OK but messy and consumes oxygen from water
- Electronic devices—useless (UV good for reducing suspended algae (green water/ pea soup) but not string algae)
- Salt may work, at high levels (1 ppt, 1kg/1000L)
- Some say zeolite works but be careful using this with salt as it will release stored nutrients back into water. Use in bags so it can be removed if needed.
- Ian has tried boiling several teabags then pouring water into pond. Water stained with tannins seemed to not grow algae as well. Smaller ponds only.
- Chemicals: semazine 2mL/1000L from stockfeed shops; or potassium permanganate 2 grams/1000L, works by burning organic matter. Chemicals should be last resort. If using chemicals, pull out most algae by hand before killing so it doesn't block filters.

### Table Show

No entries

### Richard

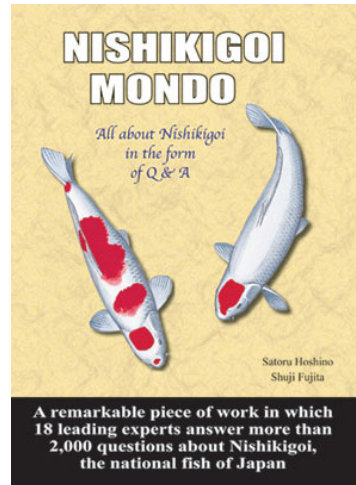
Northern Branch bank balance as at 8-Dec-09 \$

There was a great turnout for the last 2009 NB meeting. Thanks all for coming. Our guest speaker this month was Ian from Aquatico. Ian brought his extensive commercial experience to some of the informal discussions in the meeting and also gave an interesting talk on waterlillies—their history and how to get them to thrive. Thanks Ian

## Allan's update

Allan provided some interesting information in his wrap-up. Key points:

- Release of a New South Wales fisheries document about management of ornamental fish. Recommendations may well be adopted in similar fashion across other Australian states. Key aspects restrict selling, auctioning, bargaining, gifting of fish without a license if more than 10,000L of pond water is used by the participant.
- There is a new koi keeping book available: Nishikigoi Mondo. Cost is circa \$170. It is written in a questions and answers style.
- A brief review of the various koi keeping magazines was given. Here's a brief list:
  - Nichirin: nice pictures; good articles; has improved over recent years
  - Koi USA: quite a few ads and lots of pictures
  - Koi Nations (from the USA): good articles
  - KOI (UK)
  - Koi Carp (UK): lots of good content
  - Koi BITO (Japan): possibly the best of the lot
- The KSWA has sourced some attractive medallions bearing the KSWA logo as a gift for judges.



This month's committee meeting was held in a pub! ☺

Key points:

- thinking about starting a KSWA branch in Bunbury
- need to organise more bins for the show
- KSWA 2010 show date is 23 May (**NB this has changed from the original date of 30 May**) The pub venue reminds me of a joke from Queensland you may appreciate:

*At a national conference of the Australian Hotels Association, the general managers of Cascade Brewery ( Tasmania ), Tooheys ( New South Wales ), XXXX( Queensland ), CUB ( Victoria ) and Coopers ( South Australia ) found themselves sitting at the same table for lunch.*

*When the waitress asked what they wanted to drink*

*The GM of Tooheys said without hesitation, "I'll have a Tooheys New.."*

*To which the boss of Coopers rejoined, "I'll have a Coopers, the King of Beers."*

*And the bloke from Cascade asked for "a Cascade, the cleanest draught on the planet."*

Welcome to the January issue of the KSWA Newsletter. We hope your fish are doing well, and your pond has lots of oxygen to cope with the warmer months. See you at an upcoming event!

Have any questions about your koi or pond? Come along to any meeting for free tea, coffee, biscuits and advice. See the front cover for meeting addresses.

## Shona

### Events Calendar



#### Wednesday 27 January—General Meeting, South Perth

Sales Table & Library open. Rod Strang will be continuing the discussion on culling, with the Sanke spawn from November returning for comparison. All "tateshta" will be given away free to members so bring a bag!

#### Tuesday 9 February—Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Sales Table will be open & raffle prize up for grabs. Peter Morris will be presenting some information on gill flukes, followed by a group discussion on this parasite.

#### Sunday 21 February—Pond Tour

Starts at 10:30am, Dianella, Gnangara, Ellenbrook. Free BBQ lunch. Some amazing ponds, you don't want to miss this one! See page 14

#### Wednesday 24 February—General Meeting, South Perth

Sales Table & Library open. Agenda yet to be decided.

#### Tuesday 9 March—Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Sales Table will be open. Agenda yet to be decided.

#### Wednesday 24 March—General Meeting, South Perth

Sales Table will be open. Agenda yet to be decided.

#### Sunday 28 March—Member Auction, Bedford

The first one of the year. Members only. Beaufort Park Hall, Bedford (near Morley).

## General Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 25 November 2009

The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Number of members attending – 28

**Apologies:** Barry Ambler, Josie & Charlie Giorgio.

**New Members:** Lena & Ali, Josh, Russell & Andrew. **Visitors:** Frank.

**Points Arising from Previous Minutes:** None.

**Confirmation of previous minutes:** Moved: Kylie Wall, Seconded: Ray Lines

### Treasurers Report:

Opening balance	\$
Total income	\$
Expenditure	\$
Closing balance	\$

**Correspondence In:** None, **Correspondence Out:** None

**Library:** Nothing new, **Sales Table:** Nothing new.

**Table Show**—no entries

### General business

- A member wanted to know the advantages if any of using zeolite to reduce copper in water. Bill did mention using it in a trickle system at one stage and found it didn't work especially if there was salt present in the water.
- Rodney Hansen lost one good fish due to copper poisoning using water from a rain water tank. Copper was present in the metal structure of this particular tank. The best way to get rid of any excessive metal element out of your water is to do regular water changes from a alternate source tested and treated
- Use of pond liner has raised some concerns because of the need to clean any foreign residue off the liner before filling and exposure to your fish. This practice is a pre-requisite from any respected supplier who makes and sells the product. It is common knowledge to treat liner before adding any livesock. It is recommended to treat it with Condy's Crystals. The use of condy's crystals is also recommended in any new pond construction as a disinfectant to rid it of any harmful elements etc.
- A member has asked where to obtain a pond vacuum cleaner to clean their pond, there are a few respected retailers who do hire out such a item at a cost.

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24<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Mr Bill Passey  
West Australian Koi Society

Dear Bill

Just a note of appreciation for your willingness to put on a display at this year's Centenary Canning Show.

We are happy to advise, this year's Show was a success attracting a good crowd, but more particularly, having bodies such as your group participating in the Show providing the people of our community with an interesting and entertaining event.

Please convey to your members our sincere thanks for their involvement.

Yours faithfully

Teresa Berry  
Executive Officer

- Other ideas then soon emerged from this topic such as bottom drains to leaf skimmers and to the point of spending the extra dollars on good foods which basically leads to less pollutants and residue left in the water.
- Some of the newer members did mention the need to update the current website to include contact numbers of various people such as committee and key personnel
- Members encouraged to use Dr. Richmond Loh for any specialised problem to do with your koi. It is very hard to find a specialist such as Richmond so please use him. Not many clubs have the luxury of having and knowing a vet at our own doorstep so to speak.
- This year's Christmas Party will be held at Bill and Judy Passey's home again - thankyou to them both, we as members always look forward to going to see their beautiful koi
- Bill has asked for volunteers to help out at this years party. He needs help in obtaining items such as bread, drinks, etc and help to setup and dismantle. Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate.
- Rodney Strang did a wonderful talk on tategoi
- Norm Wall was our auctioneer for the night and did a marvellous job in auctioning off a couple of 2,000 litre round tubs. 1<sup>st</sup> tub sold for \$350 to Bill Passey, 2<sup>nd</sup> tub sold for \$300 to Kylie Wall
- Well done to those people involved, all proceeds go back into the club's funds to enable us to purchase new tubs for this year's up and coming show.

Thanks to all who attended. The next General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27 January 2010.

Meeting closed: 10:00pm.

Fred Sharp

WORD	PRONOUNCED	DEFINITION
Aka	<b>ah</b> ·kah	Red
Beni	<b>beh</b> ·nih	Scarlet (red)
Hi	<b>hih</b>	Fire (red)
Sumi	soo· <b>mih</b>	India ink (black)
Ato Sumi	<b>ah</b> ·toh·soo· <b>mih</b>	Sumi that comes when the koi ages





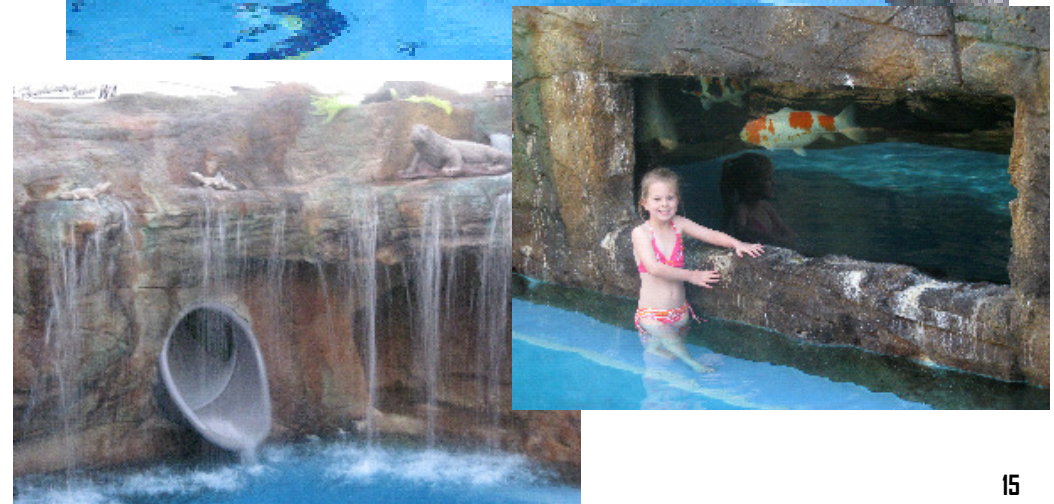
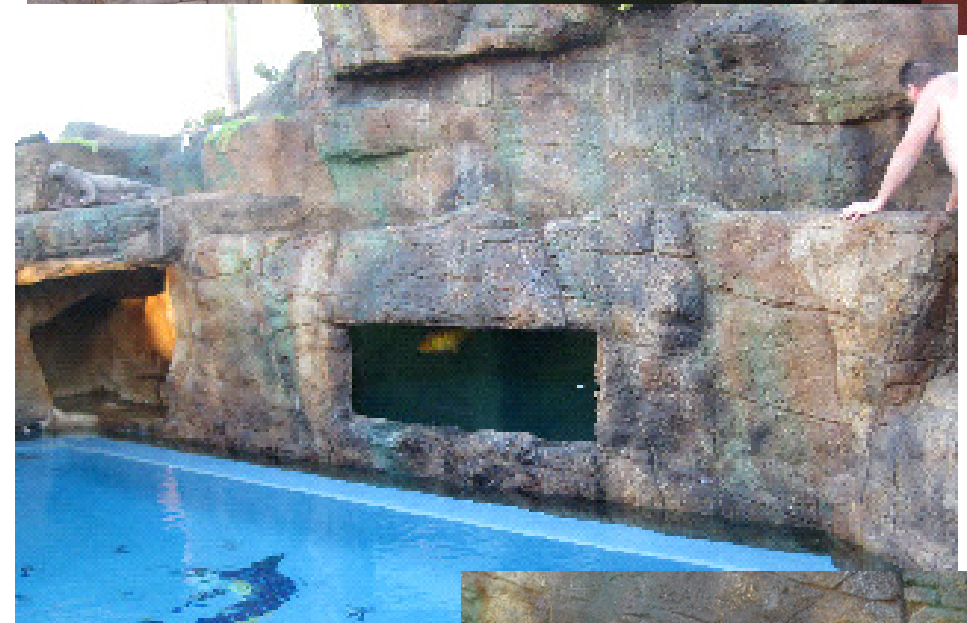
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# NORTHERN BRANCH POND TOUR

New members, existing members, visitors, Northern & Central branch members, family & friends are all welcome to come along.



**WHEN? Sunday 21 February 2010**

**10:30am** To be confirmed in next newsletter, Dianella

**11:30am** Allan Bennett Gnangara

**12:30pm** Ray Webb Ellenbrook

Each stop is approximately 15 minutes drive apart.

A free BBQ lunch will be provided at Ray's place.

Allan's pond (top) is one of the largest in the club at around 100,000L. He also has an impressive breeding setup with a range of pond types.

Ray's pond (other 3 pics) is built into an amazing fake mountain which features waterfalls and a slide. The pond overlooks the swimming pool and fish can watch out from a giant 2m+ window. He is also in the process of setting up a second pond, so there are a variety of filters on view. Bring your swimmers (especially the kids!), and bring your favourite drink to enjoy with the BBQ lunch.

We hope to see you there.

We would love to organise a pond tour for South of the River—if you are interested in opening your pond to the members, please contact any committee member.



## TWO EYES ARE BETTER THAN NONE!

I was mucking around with my spare UV. I plugged it in and checked it out after just changing the tube. Ok no problem it is ready to go for the summer. At 11.45, I woke up with a pain in my eyes. I got up and made my way to the bathroom and splashed cold water into my eyes. It was then I realized I could not see!

Panic set in and my wife called an ambulance as the pain mounted to a level that had me rolling on the floor. It was so bad I was sure I was loosing my sight.

I arrived at the hospital still unable to see a thing. The medics although professional; were unable to give me anything to relieve the pain. A senior nurse met me at Emergency and asked me to open my eyes. I told her I couldn't so she called the only doc on duty. After some initial discussion the doc told me he would put some anesthetic in my eyes which would hurt like hell. I never felt a thing as my eyes hurt so much. He kept asking me questions about my work then asked me to go back through the things I did in the last 6 hours. I was sobbing the pain was so bad

It was then that it hit me. The UV ...I had only looked at it for 1-2 seconds when I tested the new tube. The doc explained UV blindness and stated that I may be lucky and regain all my sight in 1-2 days. I ended up with all the eye tests my eyes have been declared permanently damaged for which I will suffer later in life I expect.

True story and the learning is; never ever look at UV light.

*Footnote:- This was originally printed in the Newsletter in 2007 but worth a reminder to all.*

## SWIMBLADDER

Inside the Koi is a gas-filled sac, known as the 'swimbladder', which acts as a buoyancy organ so Koi can stay at any depth with the minimum use of energy. Koi can control the gases inside it, with gas added or removed by blood vessels running over the surface of it. There is also a thin tube to the Koi's throat so they can add gas by gulping air.



There are various conditions that can affect the swimbladder, from fungus to filling with fluid. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to determine what disease is affecting the swimbladder and so offer any treatment.

Ref: koimag.co.uk



# CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009



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## NOVEMBER & JANUARY GENERAL MEETINGS

The attached photo was from the last General Meeting at South Perth in November. There was a good turn out of 25 - 30 people.

We spoke about the prospects of the 20 or so young fish on display as well as a practical culling demonstration of month old Sanke and also how to tell the difference between year old Sanke and Showa, Bekko and Utsuri.

At the next January meeting (subject to approval of the Committee) we will be having a follow up culling demonstration of the same Sanke spawn but at a more advanced stage where patterns can be distinguished. All the "tateshta" will be given to club members so bring a bag and a couple of lackeys!

Rod Strang



The Christmas Party was a big success (as usual!), thanks to Bill and Judy for having us. Thanks also to all the members who braved the heat and came down for the day! And last but not least all the members who helped with organising and setting up.



Congratulations to Allan Bennett who was awarded a Life Membership at the meeting for years of dedication to the Koi Society.



## Bills' thoughts on Christmas Party Auction fish deaths

Unfortunately several fish died at the Christmas Party Auction despite efforts to save them.

What could have been done to make things better? In view of the hot day and the fact that the fish were to be held in tanks over a longer period than normal.

Fish should always be transported with oxygen.

If this situation presents itself again: the fish should be kept in foam boxes with oxygen and placed in the shade, then transferred to the tanks just prior to the Auction.

What could have been done to make things better when it was noticed that some fish were suffering from the heat?

If this situation presents itself again: all the fish should be bagged and moved into foam boxes with oxygen. Some ice should then be added to the box with lids fitted and placed in a shady area.

The Auction should then be cancelled.

Bill Passey

## KSWA SALES TABLE

All proceeds from your sales table are used as a fund raiser for your clubs needs. Please support your club by purchasing your requirements through the sales table.



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Items listed are a sample of what can be supplied

**Keeping Koi In Australia** \$20- Illustrated bible on koi keeping.

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Ammonia remover 250ml

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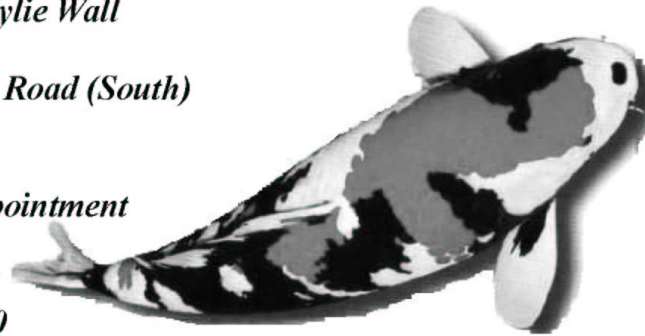
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