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'SAFETY AT SEA'

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Byron Services Club  
The Manager.

Please find report from Byron Services Deep Sea Fishing Club.

It has been another challenging year for the club. We have been able to maintain our skipper and deckie membership while losing some members who, owning smaller boats and unable to fish the local reef areas (because of sanctuary zones) have left the club. We have welcomed new members able to fish the wider grounds.

The club has conducted a number of successful fishing outings with snapper and pearl perch being the predominate species caught, although up to seven other species landed.

Our club applied for and was granted a Commonwealth grant of \$95,000 to help establish an artificial reef north of the Julian Rocks. This is to be a compensatory fishing reef to partially replace reef locked up by sanctuary zones. There appears to be a number of hurdles to jump before our compensatory reef becomes a reality.

Our club applied to the Department of Environment and Heritage for and was granted a permit to install a fish aggregation device (F.A.D) on the four mile reef in commonwealth waters. FADS are very successful in providing an alternate fishing. Fishers are able to catch Mahi Mahi or dolphin fish which are a plentiful pelagic species of fish. This helps relieve fishing pressure on bottom dwelling fish such as snapper.

I would like to thank the Management and Staff of the Byron Services Club for their support and use of their rooms for our meetings. We thank the Club for allowing us to help run raffles, this helps with club funds and is greatly appreciated.

Club meets at 7.30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Anzac room. New members welcome.

Club executive for 2008-9.

President- Ken Smith, Vice President-Ken Thurlow, Secretary-Ian Johnson,  
Treasurer- Michael Smith, Club Captain- Warren McAlpin, Recorder-Col  
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