

I Fish
and I vote



For Members and
Prospective Members

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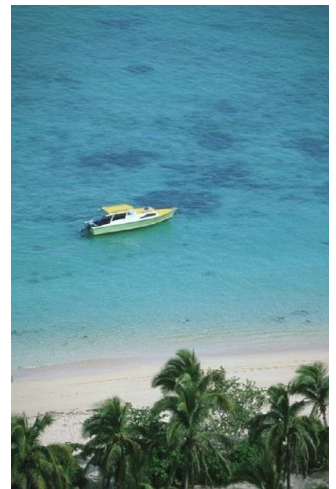
New Party Executive Installed

The Party has held its Annual General Meeting in Cairns and installed a new Party Executive Committee. The new Committee comprises a mix of experience and new blood. Original Party Executive members include:

- Alex Witten;
- Wayne Bayne; and
- Malcolm Bairstow.

All of who have successfully taken the Party to two elections. Outgoing Chairman Kevin Collins has provided his full support for the incoming Executive for the reinvigoration of a newly energized Australian Fishing and Lifestyle party. His letter of support for the incoming Executive to members is below.

The Australian Fishing and Lifestyle Party represents the rights of fishing and outdoor recreational users of the Great Australian Outdoors.



21 September, 2009.

Dear Members and Prospective Members,

With a new revitalised management team and the legal challenges which impacted on the party during the last 2 years behind us, an opportunity now exists to take The Fishing Party (Old) Australian Fishing & Lifestyle Party...Your Party... forward with renewed vigour.

Over the last 6 years we together have made a difference. The management team did its bit, but far more importantly, you, as members and voters did yours, with the "fishing vote" now well established and recognised by the mainstream media.

We are a force to be reckoned with and in more political terms, a force to be bargained with, and this is all due to votes. Your votes, your friends votes and the votes of others who fish, who camp, who own 4WD's and those who think the current major parties are too much in awe of the Greens.

While we can hang our hat on a number of significant wins, rule changes and laws being overturned our biggest achievement is clearly that we have put the major parties on notice. No longer can they take "the fishing vote" for granted. Numbers are strength and this strength gives us an opportunity to open both the doors and the minds of our politicians. Recreational fishing and outdoor pursuits now have the same opportunity as the environment lobby to be heard and this is only because, you became a member of a political party and that party stood up at an election for your rights to enjoy our Australian way of life.

The party now needs to demonstrate to the Australian Electoral Commission that after a two year hiatus it is still viable and to do this we need you to renew your membership, talk your friends into joining and once again giving the fishing vote some political teeth.

Thank you for your support during my 4 years at the helm and I take this opportunity to wish the new management team well.

I fish & I vote is now much more than just a bumper sticker.

Regards,

Kevin

Kevin Collins
Chairman

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Time for Action:

- Join the Party and be part of the solution.
- Get balance back into the debate.
- Your lifestyle is under attack.
- Together we can make a difference.
- It's time for politicians to listen.
- Locking people out of OUR waterways is NOT management.

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Family Fun—Dad and Son

Our Goals

1. To participate in the democratic system in order to have representatives elected to state and federal parliament;
2. Promote the sustainable use of the environment for recreational pursuits of the public;
3. To provide political representation for the many Australians who participate in our healthy outdoor lifestyle;
4. To work with the elected Government to ensure that our goals and aspirations are met;
5. To ensure that legislation enacted by state and federal Governments that affects fishing and recreational issues is fair, equitable and environmentally responsible and sustainable;
6. Ensure that the rights of individuals to responsibly pursue outdoor activities without unnecessary Government restrictions are protected.

Why The AFLP?

It is a sad fact, but true. The lifestyle you love and cherish is under attack. Boating, fishing, camping and many other outdoor lifestyle pursuits are under attack in the name of "Saving The Planet". Another sad fact is that many green groups and the Federal and State Governments believe the only way to manage the environment is to lock it up and lock people out. Implicit in this argument is a strong suggestion that those who love the outdoor lifestyle is somehow the major threat to its ongoing sustainability.

You know and we know that this is absurd. The AFLP is a strong supporter of responsible environmental protection—after all who wants to go boating on a sewer? In this day and age with the science available to us, the Community has never been better placed to develop and implement responsible environmental management practices that:

- Do not place excessive restrictions or limitations on the lifestyle of those who love the bush and oceans;
- Don't cost jobs or shut businesses down in regional economies;
- Do lead to implementing real and effective measures to protect the environment—not just tokenistic spin for political purposes.

The AFLP is the voice of reason and will bring balance back into the debate. Join now and support the main stream.



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Coral Sea Disallowance farce

The true colours of the Government and Greens were revealed on 17 November when it came to the Senate debate on the Coral Sea Disallowance Motion by Senators Boswell and MacDonald. The need for the motion came about as a result of Minister Garratt deciding without any consultation with industry or regional communities to declare the Coral Sea a s a conservation zone.

Despite community and industry outrage at the decision the Labour party and the Greens joined together in the Senate to gag the debate and force a vote without an opportunity to bring all of the real community concerns to the fore.

The vote resulted in 31 for the motion and 31 against the motion which means that the motion was defeated. So it is there for everyone to see the real attitude of the Government and Greens— NO CONSULTATION AND NO DEBATE.

More than ever this highlights the urgent need for responsible environmental practices which uses local expertise and knowledge through local management practices to develop local solutions to deliver real outcomes for local environments, local communities and regional economies.

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