The businesses listed here all have an interest in the recreational fishing industry in the Northern Territory and, as Corporate members, they support the work that AFANT does in promoting and furthering the development of our fishery. They add to AFANT’s voice when we speak on behalf of our industry and they provide valuable input to our organisation. We urge all AFANT members to recognise the support of these businesses by choosing to use their products and services wherever possible.

Corporate Membership of AFANT is open to all businesses with an interest in our industry. Membership is acknowledged on our website and we provide a link to the business’s own website. Corporate members receive our newsletters and window signage identifying them as AFANT supporters. The annual Corporate Membership contribution is just $100 per year (including GST).
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I would like to acknowledge the significant achievements that have been made in recreational fishing in the Territory during 2013.

The past year has seen some changes, challenges and positive outcomes for recreational anglers in the NT.

The NT Government has delivered on some significant election commitments to the recreational fishing sector over the past year including:

- The delivery of the $1.5 million commitment for the works at the Gove Mud Wharf in Nhulunbuy
- The implementation of a weather and boating safety education program
- The trial of the use of security cameras at boat ramps
- The establishment of a comprehensive safety awareness program
- Improvements to VHF radio networks with radio Repeaters in areas where most people fish will also be considered to further improve safety on the water
- The much needed boost to the Fisheries Police Unit and ensuring they are equipped to target those who break the law
- The Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has been established to open up direct communications between fishers and government
- The completion of engineering reports to start off the process on the construction of boat ramps, including Dundee and investigating a new access site at Shady Camp

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- The completion of engineering reports to start off the process on the construction of boat ramps, including Dundee and investigating a new access site at Shady Camp

The Government has commenced delivery or made progress on a number of important commitments and projects:

- Consideration and consultation on the difficult process to ensure the protection of our important reef fish resource
- A Country Liberals Minister will always be available to industry and community groups
- Progress has been made to deliver the Territory Recreational Fisheries Award program which will commence in 2015

The AFANT Committee has also given careful consideration on where AFANT should be in the future.

AFANT will work with the government to ensure a range of other election commitments are delivered including:

- Moving to construction of the new self-launch boat ramp at Dundee
- Delivery of caretaker facilities, security, toilet facilities, access roads and lighting at boat ramps
- Review the condition of roads to our more popular fishing spots and we will be starting with consideration of an upgrade to Gunn Point road to improve access to Leaders Creek, the Vernon Islands, Saltwater Arm and the lower Adelaide River
- Delivery of the $1.5 million commitment for the works at the Gove Mud Wharf in Nhulunbuy
- Implement a weather and boating safety education program
- Trial of the use of security cameras at boat ramps
- Establish a comprehensive safety awareness program
- Improvements to VHF radio networks with radio Repeaters in areas where most people fish will also be considered to further improve safety on the water
- The much needed boost to the Fisheries Police Unit and ensuring they are equipped to target those who break the law
- Ensure the Daly River becomes a tourism hub and strong contributor to the Territory economy while also conducting long term and comprehensive research and monitoring of the area to ensure it remains ecologically sustainable
- Government will inform Territorians of any negotiations or agreements on Blue Mud Bay with traditional owners
- A Country Liberals Minister will always be available to industry and community groups

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Major issues in 2013

Over the past year the AFANT Committee has developed a new strategic plan after undertaking a review of the current AFANT operations and activities, reviewing previous AFANT development plans and giving consideration to AFANT’s core business; all potential threats to recreational angling in the NT. The AFANT Committee has also given careful consideration on where AFANT should be in the future.

To ensure that the organisational objectives are directed to ensure the best outcomes for recreational anglers, AFANT has also given
consideration to the NT Governments
Recreational Fishing Development Plan
2012-2022 to ensure that the strategic plan
is generally consistent and aligned.

Whilst many of those issues recognised in
previous development plans remain as
priority activity areas, the new plan better
meets the objectives and direction that the
Committee believes that the focus of the
organisation in the future should be.

AFANT congratulates the Northern Territory
Government for showing great leadership in
implementing the recreational barramundi
fishing areas. This leadership builds on the
actions of previous governments who made
the decision to protect the Northern Territory
barramundi resource by removing
commercial fishing from rivers across the
Northern Territory.

These actions have made the Northern Territory a tourism destination for anglers
across Australia and the world. Other
Australian jurisdictions are following the
Northern Territory’s lead in barramundi
fishing buy backs; stocking and establishing
recreational only areas as these other
governments have seen the economic
benefit from the recreational sector in their
states.

It is essential that we keep ahead of the
game and gain the maximum from the
positive situation we have in the Northern Territory so we can continue to improve on
the management of the resource to maintain
the spectacular fishing that the NT is famous
for.

The Northern Territory also has some real
challenges ahead with increasing population
and development pressures as well as the
ongoing challenges with access issues that
will need to be carefully managed to ensure
the protection of this lifestyle and the natural
environment that attracts people to the
Northern Territory.

Recreational only barramundi fishing
areas
AFANT applauds the government for the
delivery of its commitment to establish the
recreational only Barra fishery from the
southern part of Fog Bay to the Wildman
River including Chambers and Finke Bays.

The closure of Chambers and Finke Bays to
barramundi netting has been a long held
AFANT policy position. The successful
creation of this area as a recreational only
barramundi fishery, which started on the 1st
of February 2013, will see long term benefits
for recreational anglers in the Territory.

AFANT will actively engage with
government to gain the maximum benefit
from the creation of these important
recreational only fishing areas including the
construction of a new ramp on the lower
Mary.

Reef fish management
The NT is currently facing one of its biggest
challenges in fisheries management with
sustainability of the coastal reef fish golden
snapper and black jewfish stocks in areas of
high population (mostly limited to areas
around Darwin).

AFANT first started advocating for
regulatory changes to protect the snapper
and black jewfish stocks in 2007 based on
research from fisheries and anecdotal
evidence from recreational fishers on
serious declines in the fishery.

What is clear is that real and significant
action needs to be taken by all sectors;
recreational, charter operators and
commercial, to reduce the harvest and effort
on the stocks as well as increasing the egg
production to a level that will ensure future
generations can enjoy these great fish within
reach of population centres like Darwin.

AFANT will work with the government on
implementing the required changes and
reductions in harvest of golden snapper and
black jewfish whilst ensuring the views of recreational fishers are fully considered.

**Blue Mud Bay**

The past year again has shown the risks posed to recreational fishing in the NT from the Blue Mud Bay ruling with the continuation of the closure of the northern side of the Tiwi Islands and the closure of the upper tidal reaches of the Finniss River.

AFANT is committed to having the Blue Mud Bay intertidal waters issue resolved with permit free access in all intertidal waters, including the Finniss River and the Tiwi’s and will work with Government and traditional owners where this is possible to ensure permit free access to all NT waters.

I would like to make it clear AFANT is not involved in the negotiations and has been specifically requested by the NT Government not to get involved or hold discussions with traditional owners.

AFANT is extremely concerned with the lack of progress on this issue, particularly with those areas where recreational fishing is excluded but we fully understand the complexity of the issue and the difficulty that the ruling places on government.

The government has informed AFANT that negotiations are progressing well on a range of the agreements and agreements with traditional owners have been reached on the following areas:

- The Kenbi land claim (including Darwin and Bynoe Harbour)
- McArthur River, Borroloola and the Sir Edward Pellew group of islands
- Daly River
- Mini-Mini Murgenella Cobourg and Nhulunbuy/Gove

The Blue Mud Bay High Court ruling continues to cause significant risks to ensure access to a number of areas for recreational fishers.

**Artificial reefs**

The NT artificial reef program has expanded again in 2013, with the addition of the old Cullen Bay pontoon and walkway. Other opportunities exist to further expand the artificial reef network including the use of mid or surface water FADS in the future, although dedicated funding will be required for the project.

**Resourcing Water Police**

Resourcing Water Police to ensure adequate fishery compliance and enforcement has been a long-standing concern of AFANT and recreational fishers.

More recently, the lack of adequate equipment for search and rescue activities has also become an issue.

AFANT welcomes the processes that are currently underway to improve the vessels available for police enforcement.

We will work with the NT Government and water police to ensure the implementation of the CLPs commitments to improve the resources of the water police.

**NT Parks access**

AFANT would like to recognise the efforts of the Northern Territory Government on the recent opening up of the McKinley section of the Mary River National Park for limited permit access for camping and recreational fishing. This is a very positive development in improving recreational fishing access to this high quality recreational fishing area.

We are working with the NT Government on similar opportunities to expand the areas available to recreational fishing within the NT Parks estate.

**Kakadu NP master plan**

Over the past year AFANT has been working with the Kakadu Parks Management with the view of expanding recreational fishing access within the National Park.
AFANT has been appointed to the Kakadu tourism consultative committee to ensure that the views of recreational fishers are considered by parks management.

This year the Kakadu NP will undertake its management plan process and AFANT will work with parks management and traditional owners through the management plan process with the view of improving recreational opportunities in Kakadu.

**Boat Ramps**

AFANT has taken a lead role in moving forward and prioritising the CLP Governments election commitment on construction and review of boat ramps.

Three ramps have been identified as a high priority by AFANT; Dundee Beach, Shady Camp and Gove mud wharf.

Recently commissioned engineering reports on both the Dundee Beach and lower Mary River boat ramps have provided clear costing and engineering assessments and the preferred sites.

After reviewing the detailed studies and costings, AFANT supports the construction of the self-launch Dundee ramp as the highest priority and we expect that in the near future this project should be able to move to the next stage.

AFANT has also worked with the Nhulunbuy Sports and Fishing club and government on pushing to have the mud wharf project funded and constructed.

We congratulate the fishing club and Peter Cox in his tireless efforts in developing and advocating for this important regional project.

AFANT strongly supports the construction of the Mary River boat ramp and have requested that government provide funding for this project in future budgets so that improved access can be made available to the important recreational fishery of the lower Mary River and Chambers and Finke Bays.

**Water management**

The past year has also seen a complete breakdown of the Water Planning management and allocation process with the government’s ad hoc and unjustified changes to estimated sustainable yields and abandoning of the community water planning committees and water plans. This has caused significant concerns with the way water is managed in the NT.

AFANT has real concerns with the government’s management of the Tindall limestone (Mataranka) and Ooloo aquifers and the potential for this to affect two of the NT’s most important fishing rivers; the Daly and the Roper.

The questionable allocation of 5600 ML of water to Stylo Station started a water rush of applications for water.

The lack of clear and defendable process in the NT water allocation process is a great concern and getting this on track must be a key focus over the next twelve months.

**Mt Todd mine**

AFANT has also been active in working through the issues and impacts associated with the Mt Todd mine redevelopment and water management on the site.

Vista Gold has undertaken their EIS, on which AFANT provided detailed comments and raised a number of real concerns with the proposed project.

Vista Gold went through water treatment process at the site for the water in the Batman pit but due to unfavorable financial conditions the proposed operation has been put on hold and it is most likely that until things improve untreated water will again be released from the site.

While this is just one of a large number of legacy mine sites in the NT, the impact on the Edith and Daly Rivers downstream is a major concern. It is essential that the long term arrangements for this site are addressed so that a pollution free future is found for this and other legacy mine sites.
INPEX

The INPEX project has progressed and is well into the second wet season dredging program.

AFANT has a strong interest in the operations to ensure that the company meets all of their environmental commitments through the construction, dredging and pipelining phases of operations.

INPEX has recently completed the dredging of Walker Shoal; thankfully this was able to be completed without any blasting of the rock.

AFANT continues to keep a close watch on the program with the view of monitoring any possible impacts from sedimentation and plumes to the important habitat or fishing in the harbour and the spoil ground off Lee Point.

One of the key issues still to be resolved is the ongoing access to Catalina Creek. AFANT is seeking a firm commitment to ensure ongoing access to this system for recreational fishers.

Introduced pests

It is extremely concerning this past year that the introduced aquarium species Siamese fighting fish (Betta splendens) has established a population in the Adelaide River catchment. It appears the original infestation occurred in Fogg Dam.

This issue brought to clear attention the biosecurity threat to our fish and waterways from introduced pests and plants.

AFANT has taken a strong leadership role in delivering the message about the risks and what is required to keep ferals from our waterways and floodplains.

Mining and Oil and Gas Activities

AFANT has ongoing concerns with a number of the mining and oil and gas development proposals. AFANT has been active in questioning the environmental impact of proposals ranging from oil and gas exploration and development particularly close, inshore tenements and a number of large volume water extraction permits to mining operators.

AFANT continues to hold concerns about the impacts of iron ore and other mining activity in the Roper River area. The major concern is the impact on transport and road safety with the ever increasing heavy vehicle and mine traffic on important access roads like the Roper Highway.

The push to develop unconventional shale oil and gas in the Territory has also caused real concern over the past year, particularly the large number of near shore oil and gas exploration permits. Due to the impact and potential impact on fish and other aquatic life from seismic activity in near shore coastal waters, near shore seismic surveys cannot be supported by AFANT.

AFANT is not opposed to the mining and other resources projects that are coming on stream at a rapid rate here in the Territory as long as they are properly planned, their impacts are properly assessed and the companies conduct their activities responsibly.

AFANT is determined to ensure that the companies involved recognise that they have a responsibility to preserve our great Territory lifestyle including our recreational fishing.

Small pelagic fish and squid

A proposal emerged this year to further develop with large purse seine boats, the harvest of small pelagic fish and squid in NT managed waters.

The NT Government has acknowledged that they have limited information on the small pelagic stocks and AFANT has real concerns with the potential impact from any expansion from harvesting small bait fish in the NT on the quality of the blue water recreational fishing.

The species of fish that the fishery is wishing to target are predominantly inshore in coastal areas and are the species that drive the great blue water fishing across the NT from reef to game fishing.

AFANT cannot support the further development of this fishery.
Conclusion

In closing, on behalf of the AFANT committee, I want to thank Dennis Smart for his service as AFANT Treasurer for the past seven years. This past year has been extremely difficult for Dennis and his family and friends with the passing of his wife Allison. As sole carer for his youngest child Dennis has opted to take some time out of the Treasurer’s role. On behalf of the AFANT committee and members we wish Dennis all the best and offer him the support of the NT angling community.

Dennis still has much to offer the AFANT committee and we welcome the fact that he is staying on in a general committee member role.

I would like to thank life member Tony Hare for the invaluable service to the AFANT committee over a number of years. Tony has not renominated for his committee position preferring to spend more time down on the Daly and I wish him many tight lines.

I would also like to pass on our thanks to Paul van Bruggen for his ten years’ service on the AFANT committee.

Good fishing in 2014.

Warren de With
President
The AFANT committee completed its review and update of our strategic plan and released the final plan on the 10th of August 2013 which sets the direction and goals of AFANT over the next few years.

The AFANT committee consulted widely with members and recreational anglers and held a full day committee workshop to finalise the plan.

While many of the key areas from previous development plans remain, the committee has looked closely at some areas to make sure our direction and activities align with the plan and the committee’s vision for the future.

The key strategic areas of the new strategic plan are to:

- Represent and advocate for the interests of all recreational fishers in the NT
- Protect and enhance the quality of the fishing experiences and resource that is available to Northern Territory and visiting anglers
- Provide representation and advice to governments and others on recreational fishing issues
- Maintain and where possible improve access to recreational fishing opportunities
- Promote and be an advocate for ethical, sustainable, safe and legal fishing practices
- Participate in the management of recreational and other fisheries
- Liaise constructively with other organisations including commercial fishing organisations on matters of mutual interest
- Support and participate in fisheries research
- Promote and be an advocate for the protection of the environment when it has the potential to impact on recreational fishing

REPRESENT AND ADVOCATE FOR THE INTERESTS OF ALL RECREATIONAL FISHERS IN THE NT

In this key area the objectives we addressed during 2013 were:

AFANT has delivered strong representation and engagement with governments and other groups on important issues like land and water access, sustainable management of fisheries resources and environmental issues where they have the potential to affect recreational fishing in the NT.

Dealing with outcomes of the Blue Mud Bay case

AFANT has kept a watching brief on development in the Blue Mud Bay negotiations. The NT Government continues to work with land councils and traditional owners on resolving access issues as a result of the Blue Mud Bay ruling.

The NT Government has reached Blue Mud Bay access/fishing access agreements with traditional owners on the following claim areas:

- The Kenbi land claim (including Darwin and Bynoe Harbour)
- McArthur River, Borroloola and the Sir Edward Pellew group of islands
- Daly River
- Mini-Mini Murgonella Cobourg
- Nhulunbuy/Gove

And the government has again informed AFANT that other agreements are close to finalisation.

After more than five years of negotiations there are still a number of challenges to ensuring permit free and reasonable access to all areas historically accessed by recreational anglers in the NT.

The Blue Mud Bay waters on the northern side of the Tiwi Islands and the upper tidal reaches of the Finniss are unfortunately still closed to recreational fishing and there is no indication that this will change in the near future.

AFANT’s position is having resolution of the Blue Mud Bay intertidal waters issue with permit free access in all intertidal waters, including the Tiwi’s and upper Finniss River and will work with Government and traditional owners where necessary to ensure permit free access to all NT waters.

AFANT has appeared at recent callover’s for outstanding bed and bank intertidal waters claims with the Aboriginal Land Commissioner in the Supreme Court and our aim is to ensure no detriment to recreational fishers as part of future native title grants.
AFANT has actively engaged with members, general anglers, tourism business and affiliated clubs and members on a wide range of issues affecting recreational fishers in the NT.

Over the past 12 months AFANT has actively engaged with a wide range of organisations to promote and enhance the recreational fishing opportunities in the NT.

Through regular contact and engagement, AFANT has worked to ensure all recognised fishing clubs in the NT are engaged and aware of the work that AFANT does. We aim to ensure that all clubs are affiliated with AFANT and provide valuable input into our direction, activities and policy.

Over the past 12 months AFANT has undertaken a review of the needs of affiliated clubs and plan to implement some positive changes to ensure we provide appropriate service to all affiliated clubs and their members.

AFANT has continued to take an active interest in advocacy and direct involvement in land access issues through providing recreational fishing perspective directly to government on Blue Mud Bay issues as well as through both developing and maintaining positive working relationships with traditional owners.

AFANT is a recognised party in hearings for all outstanding bed and bank native title claims. Two callover hearings have occurred this year on these outstanding claims.

Commonwealth Marine Protected Area activities

AFANT has supported efforts by national bodies to have policy change on the Commonwealth Marine Protected Areas. While the NT recreational sector escaped most of the impact of the closures, AFANT still has serious concerns with the impact on anglers around Australia with large and important areas lost to recreational fishing.

AFANT welcomes the Commonwealth Governments commitment to review these area closures to support greater access for recreational anglers.

Increasing participation of young people in recreational fishing

AFANT continues to provide funding to NT fishing clubs through the Fishing Clubs Small Grants Program to assist them to provide clinics and awareness programs for juniors and women. In 2013 the grants to Palmerston Game Fishing Club, Darwin Game Fishing Club and the Nhulunbuy Regional Sport Fishing Club shown below, were used for this purpose.

2013 Fishing Clubs Small Grants Program

The NT Government continues to provide AFANT with $10,000 plus GST each year for distribution to NT fishing clubs. In 2013 a total of $13,231.80 in grants was requested and $10,000 was allocated. Funds were allocated in 2013 as follows:

- Dundee Social & Recreation Fishing Club - $1,435 for a new club cash register
- Darwin Flyrodders - $734 for website and equipment upgrades as well as fly-tying and casting demonstration days
- Darwin Game Fishing Club – $2,504.55 for a junior fishing clinic and competition (Dundee Rocks for Kids)
- Palmerston Game Fishing Club - $2,921.95 for holding a junior angler education clinic
- Nhulunbuy Regional Sport Fishing Club – $2,504.55 for junior fishing clinics and competitions
- Katherine Game Fishing Club - $2,500 for a projector and screen
- RAAF Darwin Fishing Club - $500 for an outdoor gazebo for club events

Public recognition of recreational fishing

Recreational fishing in the NT maintained a high and positive public profile in 2013. Issues such as the proposed reef fish regulation changes, the Mary River system surveys, Blue Mud Bay fishing closures, water allocations and a range of mining related issues received considerable mainstream media attention. AFANT was involved in some 40 news related TV and radio interviews during 2013.

AFANT President Warren de With continues a weekly fishing report segment on ABC radio and both Warren and Executive Officer Craig Ingram have a regular involvement with ABC’s Tales from the Tinny program.
AFANT has recently updated our website and established a Facebook page to ensure that relevant information is delivered to a wide as possible audience.

Nowhere else in Australia does recreational fishing receive the level of media attention that it does in the NT. We have three weekly radio programs, two large weekly columns and a daily article in the NT News and fishing advice, reports and viewer catch photos in the nightly news bulletin on Channel 9. AFANT also provides a number of media outlets with regular editorial comments. Additional programs are planned for 2014. AFANT continues to use mainstream and social media to inform recreational fishers and to promote recreational fishing to the general public.

**AFANT involvement at a national level**

AFANT takes a strong interest in recreational fishing at the national level. AFANT is a member of Recfish Australia and Executive Officer Craig Ingram is a member of the committee advising the Federal Government on a national harvest strategy representing the recreational fishing sector.

**PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE FISHING EXPERIENCES AND RESOURCE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO NORTHERN TERRITORY AND VISITING ANGLERS**

AFANT takes an active role in promoting the quality of the recreational fishing available in the NT. We have also continued to demand that recreational anglers in the NT get their share of the resource.

Some of the key outcomes over the past 12 months:

**Increased recreational share of the Barramundi resource**

AFANT has worked over the past year to implement changes designed to gain the maximum benefit from the newly created recreational only barramundi zones which now extend from the southern end of Fog Bay to the Wildman River.

The creation of the recreational only barramundi fishing areas is one of the most positive outcomes for improved access and resource protection for recreational anglers in the NT for many years. This combined with the governments buy back of commercial barramundi licenses has protected some of the most important recreational barramundi fishing areas exclusively for recreational anglers.

**Securing the future of Jewfish and Golden Snapper stocks**

AFANT has taken a strong leadership position in ensuring the protection of the golden snapper and jewfish stocks as part of the changes to the Coastal Line Fishery.

Over the past year AFANT has been actively involved in providing advice, seeking member feedback and assessing the potential impacts of the various options put forward by NT fisheries that are necessary for reducing catch effort in the fishery while protecting the interests of recreational anglers.

This issue is one of the biggest fishery sustainability challenges that the NT has experienced and while some recreational fishers may find some of the measures unpalatable, it is essential that significant change in harvest and angler behavior are made to protect the stocks for the future.

For the full details of the AFANT position on the proposed changes see the AFANT submissions on the proposed possession limit changes on the AFANT website: [http://afant.com.au/](http://afant.com.au/)

We have made it clear that it is essential that any actions to address sustainability concerns in this fishery are implemented based on the best scientific information and across all industry sectors.

AFANT has made it clear to the NT Government that the recent gear changes in the coastal line fishery where traps are being used to target golden snapper, is totally unacceptable and fisheries must remove the trap entitlement from the coastal line fishery or risk losing support for the significant reductions in harvest from the recreational sector.

**Resource sharing framework**

AFANT provided advice and input into the development of the NT resource sharing framework.
Fisheries management activities
AFANT has provided advice to government on the recreational sectors concerns and issues through submissions and representation on a number of fisheries including formal submissions on issues and risk papers.
A number of existing and developing fisheries went under review over the past year including the mud crab, coastal line, charter and tour operators, small pelagic fish and squid, offshore net and line as well as proposed changes to the barramundi management plan.
AFANT has provided detailed advice directly on a range of fisheries regulations, sustainability and resource issues to the fisheries department as these issues have emerged.

Boat ramps
AFANT has taken a lead role in moving forward and prioritising the CLP Governments election commitment on boat ramps. Three ramps were identified; Dundee Beach, Shady Camp and Gove mud wharf.
Recently commissioned engineering reports on both the Dundee Beach and lower Mary River boat ramps have provided clear costing and engineering assessments of the preferred sites. After the detailed studies and costings, AFANT supports the construction of the self-launch Dundee ramp as the first priority and we expect that in the near future this project should be able to move to the next stage.
AFANT strongly supports the construction of the Mary River boat ramp and have requested that government provide funding for this project so improved tidal access can be made available to the lower Mary River system.
AFANT has also worked with the Nhulunbuy Sports and Fishing Club and government on pushing to have the mud wharf project funded and constructed.

PROVIDE REPRESENTATION AND ADVICE TO GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS ON RECREATIONAL FISHING ISSUES
AFANT maintains an active role in providing strong representation to government and other organisations to protect and advocate the interests of recreational anglers.

The following are some of the organisations or committees that AFANT is involved with:
- Barramundi Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- Offshore Net and Line (Shark) Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- NT Spanish Mackerel Fishery Management Advisory Committee (SMFMAC)
- NT Offshore Snapper Advisory Group (OSAG)
- NT Coastal Line Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- NT Mud Crab Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- NT Fisheries Research Advisory Board
- NT Resource sharing framework advisory group
- Small pelagic fish and squid advisory group
- Commonwealth fisheries harvest strategy steering committee
- Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area Committee
- Anindilyakwa Indigenous Protected Area planning
- NT Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee
- Tiwi Coastal Waters Consultative Committee
- Manbuynga Ga Rulapa Consultative Committee
- Anindilyakwa Consultative Committee
- The Daly River Management Advisory Committee (DRMAC) (this committee has been disbanded in 2013)
- The NT Water Safety Advisory Council
- Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee (DHAC) (this committee has been disbanded in 2013)
- Mt Todd Reference Group
- Howard East Water Advisory Committee
- Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Reference Group
- Kakadu Tourism Consultative Committee
- RecFish Australia

AFANT maintains strong connection with members, recreational fishers and fishing clubs across the NT.
AFANT has supported efforts by national bodies Recfish Australia and ARFF to have policy
change on the Commonwealth Marine Protected Areas. While the NT recreational sector escaped most of the impact of the closures, AFANT still has serious concerns with the impact on anglers around Australia with large and important areas lost to recreational fishing.

AFANT welcomes the commitments to review these area closures to support greater access for recreational anglers.

AFANT continues to take a strong interest in land use change when this may affect the access, health and quality of the fisheries resource. AFANT is active in working with government and proponents on a number of projects including mining, oil and gas and agricultural developments as well as the new Darwin Regional Land Use Plan.

**MAINTAIN AND WHERE POSSIBLE IMPROVE ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

The NT has had a significant growth in recreational fishing activity, particularly interstate recreational fishing visitors over the past decade and this combined with population growth and some unfortunate restrictions or closures has increased the pressure on a limited number of important recreational fishing access points.

**Dealing with Outcomes of the Blue Mud Case**

AFANT has kept a watching brief on development in the Blue Mud Bay negotiations. The NT Government continues to work with land councils and traditional owners on resolving access issues as a result of the Blue Mud Bay ruling.

The NT Government has reached Blue Mud Bay access/fishing access agreements with traditional owners on the following claim areas:

- The Kenbi land claim (including Darwin and Bynoe Harbour)
- McArthur River, Borroloola and the Sir Edward Pellew group of islands
- Daly River
- Mini-Mini Murgenella Cobourg
- Gove Nhulunbuy

The government has informed AFANT that other agreements are close to finalisation. We still have concerns with the lack of progress on some of the negotiations as well as the ongoing access restrictions on the upper tidal reaches of the Finniss River and the Tiwi Islands.

**NT parks access**

AFANT would like to recognise the efforts of the Northern Territory Government on the recent opening up of the McKinley section of the Mary River National Park for limited permit access for camping and recreational fishing. This is a very positive development in improving recreational fishing access to this high quality recreational fishing area.

We are a strong supporter of improving access, use and opportunities within the National Park system as we see this as essential in ensuring quality recreational fishing experiences and spreading the recreational fishing effort across the available areas.

AFANT is working with the NT Government to look at other areas within the NT parks system that could be opened up to provide quality fishing and camping access and experiences.

**Kakadu**

Over the past year AFANT has been working to build understanding of the importance of the waters within Kakadu to recreational fishing in the NT but also as an important recreational fishing tourism destination.

As part of this, AFANT has been provided with a position on the Kakadu Tourism consultative committee. Over the next 6 years, the Kakadu National Park Management Plan will be renewed and we are working to improve access to areas of the park for recreational fishers.

**Mary River seasonal closure**

The Mary River seasonal closure was implemented to protect spawning aggregations after a significant collapse in the barramundi stocks in the 1980’s, predominantly due to commercial fishing pressure and a number of poor wet seasons.

A number of changes were then made in the fishery including gear restrictions, river and seasonal closures and reduction in commercial catch effort through license reductions. The results of these changes were a substantial
recovery of the Mary River barramundi population over the next 20 years.

AFANT believes with the removal of commercial barramundi fishing from the Chambers and Finke Bays, the capacity exists to shift a portion of the commercial barramundi catch that was historically extracted (approximately 140 tonne of barramundi and threadfin or around 35,000 fish) from the new recreational only zone to the recreational sector.

AFANT is working with the NT Government to have the Mary River seasonal closure removed. We believe that the retention of the current Mary River possession limits and the inclusion of a maximum size limit on Barra and threadfin will provide quality fishing but also protect the Mary River fishery.

Enhancing Our Artificial Reefs

Our artificial reef program has continued to expand again in 2013, with the addition of the Cullen Bay pontoon and walkway added to the Lee Point artificial reef system.

The lack of ongoing funding for artificial reef deployment is an issue with other opportunities for further enhancement of the artificial reef system not able to be implemented through lack of funds.

AFANT will continue to work with the NT Government and to encourage the enhancement of the artificial reef network.

PROMOTE AND BE AN ADVOCATE FOR ETHICAL, SUSTAINABLE, SAFE AND LEGAL FISHING PRACTICES

AFANT has taken a strong leadership position in ensuring the sustainable management of the NT fisheries resource as well as ethical and safe fishing practices.

We have advocated through our formal submissions to a number of fisheries management discussion papers, through our representation on committees and through a public leadership position. AFANT is committed to ensuring the recreational sector sets high standards in all its activities.

One of the main issues that AFANT has been involved in over the past year is the proposed regulatory changes designed to protect the golden snapper and jewfish stocks.

AFANT has been actively involved in providing advice, seeking member feedback and assessing the potential impacts of the various options put forward by NT fisheries necessary to reducing catch effort in the fishery while protecting the interests of recreational anglers.

We have made it clear that it is essential that any actions to address sustainability concerns in this fishery are implemented based on the best scientific information and across all industry sectors.

AFANT is working with NT fisheries and Alistair McIlgorm on a social media pilot; Think Before Release, to encourage a change in angler behavior on barotrauma and catch and release for reef fish.

AFANT is also an active member on the NT Water Safety Advisory Council and we work closely with marine safety and the water police on issues of water and boating safety including ensuring the implementation of efficient regulations and enforcement of boating rules.

NT Water Police and Fisheries Compliance and Enforcement Concerns

AFANT is looking forward to the full implementation of the NT Government’s commitment to address the lack of resources for our Water Police.

A tender process is currently underway for the procurement of a new police vessel for enforcement search and rescue and other police operations for the areas around Darwin. AFANT also understands that the process has also started for the replacement of vessels with more functional and appropriate vessels in a large number of regional areas.

We believe that the unit must have the capacity and resources to provide any reasonable level of fishery or marine compliance and enforcement and we will continue work with the water police and the Government to ensure that the election commitments are delivered.

Improving Boating Safety in the Northern Territory

AFANT has been working with government since 2010, following public reaction to a possible boat registration/identification system. The NT Government agreed with AFANT that there was a
need to improve boating safety in the NT. Government agreed to review relevant legislation and regulations and to design a new marine safety awareness program for the NT.

AFANT indicated that this should include:
- The development and funding of a meaningful and ongoing boat safety awareness program directed at both indigenous and non-indigenous Territorians
- A review of marine regulations to ensure safe navigation of pleasure craft in NT waters
- Agreement to implement an “infringement notice” scheme for breaches of marine pleasure craft regulations, similar to that applied to breaches of Amateur Fishing Regulations
- The provision of additional resources (not necessarily additional police officers) to Water Police so that we can be assured there is a realistic level of compliance and enforcement activity
- The review of marine navigation aid requirements such as channel markers, buoy lighting, hazard marking, VHF radio communications etc

AFANT is involved in the NT Water Safety Advisory Committee which will make recommendations to government on actions designed to improve water safety.

AFANT was able to receive a commitment from the government to:
- Improvements to the VHF radio networks with radio repeaters in areas where most people fish will be considered to further improve safety on the water
- Boost the Fisheries Police Unit and ensure they are equipped to target those who break the law

PARTICIPATE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF RECREATIONAL AND OTHER FISHERIES

Fisheries Management
AFANT continues to represent the views of recreational fishers on a range of fisheries management advisory committees and other working groups dealing with fisheries management issues in the Territory. In 2013 these were:
- Barramundi Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- Offshore Net and Line (Shark) Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- NT Spanish Mackerel Fishery Management Advisory Committee (SMFMAC)
- NT Offshore Snapper Advisory Group (OSAG)
- NT Coastal Line Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- NT Mud Crab Fishery Management Advisory Committee
- NT Fisheries Research Advisory Board
- Resource sharing framework
- Commonwealth fisheries harvest strategy

AFANT has this year implemented with support from NT fisheries an observer policy designed to have AFANT committee members as observers on all fisheries management advisory committees and groups.

LIAISE CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING COMMERCIAL FISHING ORGANISATIONS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

AFANT maintains working relationships with a range of organisations and will work cooperatively with organisations when it is in AFANT’s and our members’ interest.

Over the past year we have taken joint positions and held numerous meetings with the NT Seafood Council and NTSC sub committees on issues like fisheries management and allocation, oil and gas development and exploration and indigenous land and water management.

AFANT will continue to maintain a working relationship with the NT Seafood Council on those issues of mutual interest.

AFANT has over the past year developed and maintained working relationships with a diverse range of peak bodies and organisations including the NTGFIA, NALSMA, NTEC, NT Farmers and the NT Cattlemen’s Association.

SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN FISHERIES RESEARCH

Tagging report
AFANT has implemented a tag kit program delivering 55 new tag kits to NT anglers. These
kits are predominantly for use on the Mary River system. The angler tagging program for barramundi and threadfin salmon in the Mary River system is well underway and compliments the existing tagging programs for barramundi that AFANT is involved in on the Roper, Victoria and Daly River systems as well as Darwin Harbour.

AFANT also has members tagging golden snapper in shallow waters across the NT.

Barramundi
While 2013 was a difficult year for barramundi some notable efforts were made.

Twenty AFANT members and taggers fishing in the Roper River tagged 363 barramundi with 19 tagged fish being re-caught over the year. 15 of these re-caught tagged fish were released again. Over 300 barramundi were tagged in the Daly River during 2013 with 41 fish recaptured. 3 fish over 1 meter in length were re-caught and all recaptures of fish over 90cm were re-released.

One notable fish was tagged at 57cm in May 2006 at Catfish Creek and recaptured at Elizabeth Creek 7 years later in May this year measuring 105cm.

Mary River
As part of the AFANT commitment to the removal of commercial fishing from Chambers and Finke Bays, AFANT has implemented a tagging and catch and effort data collection from the Mary River and Chambers and Finke Bay systems.

AFANT strongly supports the removal of the seasonal closure combined with the retention of the current Mary River possession limits and the inclusion of a maximum size limit. This combined with a detailed angler catch and effort data and tagging program which includes specific tagging to gauge the survival rates of large fish, will provide sufficient information to monitor and manage the fishery.

The combination of these restrictions will allow the opening of the closed season while having a minimal impact on the Barra population in the system.

AFANT is currently working with NT fisheries to fully implement a comprehensive angler catch and effort data and tagging program as part of the package to monitor the removal of the closure.

Golden snapper
A substantial effort has been made over recent years on researching the golden snapper stocks, particularly in the areas of highest sustainability concern. Almost 700 snapper have been tagged over the past year in Darwin Harbour, Tiwi Islands, off Dundee and Bynoe Harbour with at least 20% of these tagged by recreational anglers. 64 golden snapper have been recaptured most in close proximity to the areas that they were tagged. There is no noticeable movement of Golden snapper tagged as juveniles into offshore reefs when they mature.

**PROMOTE AND BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT WHEN IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT ON RECREATIONAL FISHING**

AFANT takes a very active interest in the land use planning and assessment process on projects that have the potential to impact on the important recreational fisheries or their habitat.

Over the past year AFANT has provided comment on a number of EIS’s and approvals on mining projects:
- Vista Gold
- Sherwin Iron

AFANT has also been actively involved in ensuring that new projects adhere to their
commitments on environmental issues, site visits to projects under construction including INPEX dredging, Western Desert Resources, Sherwin Iron and Australian Ilmenite.

**Water management**
The past year has also seen a complete breakdown of the Water Planning management and allocation process for the Tindall limestone (Mataranka) and Ooloo aquifers with the NT government making major changes to the water planning process without consultation or any real justification. AFANT has real concerns with the changes to estimated sustainable yields, aquifer recharge, removal of the strategic indigenous reserve and misuse of data from the CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology. This combined with the governments abandoning of the community water planning committees and water plans has caused significant concerns with the way water is managed in the NT. The questionable allocation of 5600 ML of water to Stylo Station started a water rush of applications for water.

The lack of clear and defendable process in NT water allocation is a great concern and getting this on track must be a key focus over the next twelve months as this issue has a real potential to affect two of the NT’s most important fishing rivers in the Daly and Roper Rivers.

**Development of Inpex Gas Processing Facility**
Inpex commenced its dredging program in 2012 and will continue into 2014 with additional pipelining this year. AFANT is keeping a watching brief on any possible impacts from the dredging spoil grounds and associated sediment plumes. Inpex has conducted ongoing monitoring of recreational fishing and any possible impacts from its project. We are currently in discussions as to how that may best be carried out.

Inpex has recently completed the dredging of Walker Shoal, thankfully this was able to be completed without any blasting of the rock.

Since discussions on this project first commenced we have been seeking assurances from both Inpex and the NT Government on the issue of recreational fishing access to Lightening and Cossack (‘Catalina’) Creeks. While the company maintains that access to the creeks can continue with the exception of the eastern ‘fingers’ of Lightening Creek, we have yet to receive the same commitment from the NT Government.

**Proposed Mining Activities in the Roper River region**
AFANT continues to hold real concerns with the combined impacts of mining activity in this area.

The Sherwin Creek iron ore project EIS highlights the transportation risks to other road users in the region and the Sherwin project is just one of a number of active projects in the region.

We have already seen some of the increased risk with an increase in traffic accidents.

AFANT has inspected and will keep a watching brief on projects in the region as construction and mining commence to ensure that the companies adhere to their environmental commitments and protect the spectacular fishing available in this region.

**Introduced pests**
It is extremely concerning this past year that the introduced aquarium species Siamese fighting fish (*Betta splendens*) has established a population in the Adelaide River catchment. It appears the original infestation occurred in Fogg Dam.

This issue brought to clear attention the biosecurity threat to our fish and waterways from introduced pests and plants.

AFANT has taken a strong leadership role in delivering the message about the risks and what is required to keep ferals from our waterways and floodplains.

**Vista Gold - Mount Todd Mine Site**
The Mt Todd mine site continues to cause concern and generate significant media interest.

AFANT has kept a close involvement and working arrangement with both government and Vista Gold to ensure that our views and concerns around river and environmental health downstream are clearly understood and addressed.

The Edith River has had a decade of discharges of toxic water with heavy metals and minerals. It was not until AFANT pressured the government that anything was
done to address these significant environmental problems.

It is organisations like AFANT and the community that has forced governments to address this issue.

AFANT provided detailed comments to the Vista Gold EIS which is available online at the AFANT website; http://afant.com.au/afant-submission-on-vista-gold-mt-todd-eis/afant-submission-vista-gold-mt-todd-eis-12-08-13/

AFANT will continue to be actively involved in ensuring that the Government, regulators and Vista Gold manage the Mt Todd site to ensure that the water health and quality of the Edith and Daly Rivers is protected to make certain that the spectacular fishing and reputation of the Territory as a fishing destination is protected.

**Proposed Oil and Gas Exploration**

Over recent years, oil and gas exploration permit applications have been submitted for almost all of the Territory, including significant areas of sensitive and important coastal regions.

AFANT still holds real concerns with the potential impact of the activity and believes that government should not grant the exploration licenses.

**AFANT COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Paul Van Bruggen resigned from the Committee due to work commitments on 27 March 2013. The committee resolved to fill the position as required under section 35 of the AFANT constitution.

We would like to acknowledge and thank life member Tony Hare for the invaluable service he has provided to AFANT over a number of years. Tony has not renominated for his committee role.

Giovina D'Alessandro had previously expressed an interest in joining the committee and was formally appointed by the committee on the 31 July 2013.
Financial report
Year ending 31 December 2013
AMATEUR FISHERMEN’S ASSOCIATION OF
THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 31 December 2013

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc as at 31 December 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Warren de With
President

Dennis Smart
Treasurer

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
## Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2013

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**Profit from ordinary activities before income tax**

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**Current Assets**

**Cash Assets**

Cash at Bank - Cheque Account
- 2013: 18,170.33
- 2012: 24,809.82

Cash at Bank - Cash Management Account
- 2013: 244,344.56
- 2012: 210,825.43

Cash at Bank - Research & Development
- 2013: 43,233.04
- 2012: 42,708.96

Cash Float - Office
- 2013: 200.00
- 2012: 200.00

**Total Current Assets**
- 2013: 305,947.93
- 2012: 278,544.21

**Non-Current Assets**

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Office furniture & equipment
- 2013: 11,507.36
- 2012: 11,318.99

Less: Accumulated depreciation
- 2013: (8,092.00)
- 2012: (7,550.00)

Motor vehicles - at cost
- 2013: 53,216.08
- 2012: 53,216.08

Less: Accumulated depreciation
- 2013: (29,474.00)
- 2012: (23,995.00)

**Total Non-Current Assets**
- 2013: 27,157.44
- 2012: 32,990.07

**Total Assets**
- 2013: 333,105.37
- 2012: 311,534.28

**Current Liabilities**

**Payables**

**Unsecured:**

Unremitted radio repeater funds
- 2013: 749.28
- 2012: 786.55

**Current Tax Liabilities**

GST Liabilities
- 2013: 882.85
- 2012: (1,306.86)

Amounts withheld from salary and wages
- 2013: 6,972.00
- 2012: 15,842.08

**Total Current Liabilities**
- 2013: 8,604.13
- 2012: 15,321.77

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Members' Funds

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### Balance Sheet As At 31 December 2013

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#### Current Assets

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#### Current Liabilities

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<td>Current tax liabilities</td>
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#### Members' Funds

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## Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2013

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Deduct Private Portion

Net Depreciation 1,398
Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(b) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset’s fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset’s carrying value. Any excess of the asset’s carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(d) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).
(e) **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

(f) **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(g) **Income Tax**

The Association is of the opinion that it is not subject to income tax
**Note 2: Cash assets**

Bank accounts:
- Cash at Bank - Cheque Account: 18,170.33 24,809.82
- Cash at Bank - Cash Management Account: 244,344.56 210,825.43
- Cash at Bank - Research & Development: 43,233.04 42,708.96

Other cash items:
- Cash Float - Office: 200.00 200.00

**Note 3: Property, Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment:
- At cost: 11,507.36 11,318.99
- Less: Accumulated depreciation:
  - (8,092.00)  (7,550.00)

Motor vehicles:
- At cost: 53,216.08 53,216.08
- Less: Accumulated depreciation:
  - (29,474.00)  (23,995.00)

**Note 4: Payables**

Unsecured:
- Other creditors: 749.28 786.55

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## Note 5: Tax Liabilities

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Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc ABN 47 665 738 318
Independent Audit Report to the Members

Scope

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Statement by Members of the Committee, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 of Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act Northern Territory and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Northern Territory. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT Inc as at 31 December 2013 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Signed on 29 January 2014:

Trevor Angus, FCA
Angus Accountants
1/40 Parap Road, PARAP, NT, 0820