

President's report 2016 AGM

Firstly I would like to thank all members of the management committee, and all FFSAQ's member groups for their support in the past year

FFSAQ has been very proactive in the last few years, and with the large amount of changes occurring in fisheries Queensland, i.e. RIS and SIP restructuring, has kept us well involved looking after our members requirements. Groups who are not members of FFSAQ, in my opinion has missed out on this very important input into fisheries. I also want to stress that if you are not one of our members then your group's requirements cannot be put onto FFSAQ agenda.

This year \$700,263 dollars was allocated to 32 SIP impoundments, next year there will be a total of 63 groups with an extra 31 groups has been added and will take a share of the total funding. FFSAQ is included on the committee to see these funds are shared adequately and equitably with our members, with requests and input from our current members. FFSAQ members have an input into this distribution of the SIP funds in future.

Australia Post is now the lead agency for the SIP sales is a new way fishers can purchase a SIP. The family Permit has now been replaced with a single permit for everyone over the age of 18 years .SIP can still be purchased online.

FFSAQ also has a display module, this module visits Queensland areas to promote freshwater fishing with public consultation, and this huge project was led by Charlie Ladd. Without his input into this project, the project would never have been possible. We are now in a large demand to show our wares at many areas of Queensland. If you wish for this display module to visit your group please do not hesitate to contact FFSAQ.

Note! Impoundments are 'put, grow and take' fisheries where most stocked species will not reproduce, and the impoundments need to be stocked regularly. The money anglers pay for their stocked impoundment permits goes to local stocking groups to purchase native fish fingerlings and also covers scheme administration costs.