

Memories & Flashbacks with Con Cosmas

As It Was

1916 secret census

There I go again referring to the past, which to If somebody had told me that in the near future deliv- It was certainly interesting for me that the results of the

younger than I and was telling him of the first truck I and heating would have been of little use at that time as ter saloon keepers or managers. was given to drive home after I had obtained my dri- it was the law that drivers of all vehicles, drive with * 125 were fishmongers, fish hawkers or fish shop ving licence on my 18th birthday. I was very surprised their windows wound down. to see that there was disbelief at what I told him. So I thought it may be of interest to others to understand the Hand signals were just that. Signals given by the hand. benefits we have today, compared with what we had in If you wanted to make a right-hand turn, you would the 1950s.

of the kind that was used by the United States Army all have to signal by putting your arm out of the window, around the world during World War II. I suspect it was bent at the elbow and have your fingers pointing to the The Fish Market Saga continues: U.S. Army issue that was left behind after the war. sky. If the truck driven had a tray wider than the cabin,

tion at the front of the grill, and wind it up. This could the arm straight out. be dangerous if one was careless. Of course it was given for driver comforts.

Seat belts didn't exist then.

me, was just yesterday. It is a reality that today is only an extension of the past. in all gears not only besters but also air and it also air and it also air and it. It was certainly interesting for me that the results of the Australian Government's secret Census in 1916 on only an extension of the past. in all gears, not only heaters but also air conditioners Greeks in Australia showed that: and (wonder of wonders) power assisted steering, I

have to extend your right arm out of the window with The truck I was given was a Chevrolet tray truck and "right hand turn"). If you wanted to stop, you would Greek working population. the driver had a metal arm with a hand on its end and Its starter motor was activated by a button to the high when the driver wanted to signal Stop, he would press left of the brake pedal. If it didn't work, you would the connection on the arm to make the hand point

unheard of, or unimaginable, that any consideration be If it was cold, raining and windy and you were driving, that unofficially an extension of time will be given. you just had to bear it.

The truck had the usual bench seat, it had very tight The first improvement I noticed was the English suspension and the body was high off the ground . Vauxhall with little lighted indicators that flicked out for our industry. Even on good roads, at moderate speeds, you found from the body of the car near the driver's head. Other yourself holding on to the steering wheel tightly not cars began to have indicators as today's, but until the only to keep yourself from bouncing up and down but law caught up to the new developments, technically also to stop yourself from sliding along the bench seat. you could have been booked for not signalling with your hand.

I was talking to friend today who is twenty years would have laughed at the thought. Air conditioning * 311 Greeks were restaurateurs, café- proprietors, oys-

assistants

* 37 were fishermen and prawners and 2 were pearlers * Out of a total of 1351 Greeks throughout Australia, 7 were pensioners and only 3 were unemployed. * 475 were in the food or fish related businesses. This your fingers in line with your arm (hence the term is quite a large percentage of the whole of the total

All quiet on the Fishy Front. There seems to be new pressures being placed on the governing bodies as the fishermen are questioning as to where they will be sending their catch and how will it be marketed if the have to take out the crank handle, place it in its posi- upwards. If he wanted to turn right he would just put Melbourne Fish Market is to be demolished. Not a bad question. Somebody should have thought of it before. Everything still seems to be up in the air but it seems I am proposing that since we are now a multicultural group we hold an ecumenical prayer meeting to engage a much higher authority to enforce beneficial outcomes

Inshalla, Prota O Theos and God Willing.

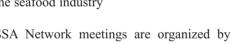
Kosta (Con) Cosmas

SSA Brisbane Network meeting

he Seafood Services Australia issues and innovations that are relevant to Network, combines the expertise and the seafood industry L resources that people from within the seafood industry need to make the most of SSA Network meetings are organized by are people and organisations from throughout Australia and overseas and represent the November had 40 participants. Government Departments.

Three SSA Network meetings are held annually. They include industry driven information seminars/workshops and guest speakers. Each meeting deals with contemporary

Trivia

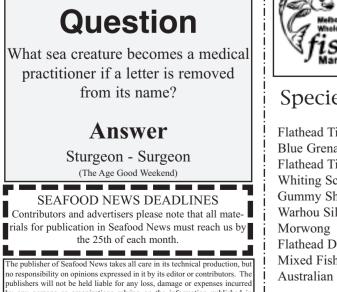


their opportunities. Network participants Seafood Services Australia (SSA). The Brisbane meeting that was held in

entire seafood industry including Research Representatives were from all State Fishery and Development Agencies and organizations, NAC, SIAA, Oceanwatch, FRDC, SSA Directors and numerous local fishers and other industry stakeholders.

> Photo: SSA's Managing Director, Mr. Ted Loveday adresses participants of Brisbane network meeting, held in November at the Virginia Palms International





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Fish Market	10	vember best lers	'S
Species	No	32kg Bi	ins
Flathead Tiger sml.		2075	
Blue Grenadier		1894	
Flathead Tiger lrg.		1848	
Whiting School		1137	
Gummy Shark		865	
Warhou Silver		738	
Morwong		663	
Flathead Deep Water		595	
Mixed Fish		539	
Australian Salmon		480	





Sanford in Melbourne



oson with the newly elected councillor for the Stonnington City Council, (Melbourne), Mr Angus Nicholls. Mr. Nicholls who has been involved with the seafood industry for a number of years, received the highest number of votes out of all the other candidates in the municipality, has been elected as an independent candidate.

but also for frozen products. Traceability MWFM. and handling of their product is of the utmost

TT im Thompson, Sanford's, Quality importance to the company and such visits as Control Manager, and Angus Kim's are designed to improve the proce-Nicholls from Racovolis dures. Although the Auckland Fish Market Amalgamated Fish Agents, (above) inspect a holds more Dutch auctions than the shipment of fresh seafood from New Zealand Melbourne Wholesale Fish Market (MWFM) to the Melbourne Wholesale Fish Market. Kim finds that there is something to be said Melbourne is the main port of entry for about the informality, the social interaction Sanfords fresh seafood from New Zealand and the character and characters of the

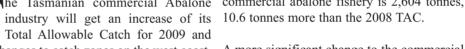
Increase in Abalone TAC

The Tasmanian commercial Abalone commercial abalone fishery is 2,604 tonnes. Total Allowable Catch for 2009 and also changes to catch zones on the west coast. A more significant change to the commercial

Tasmania's Minister for Primary Industries 2009 is the split of the western fishing zone and Water, David Llewellyn, said the 2009 into two separate zones to spread the com-



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abalone fishery management arrangements in total allowable catch (TAC) for the entire mercial take of abalone more evenly between the south-west and central west.

> This change to the special management of the commercial abalone fishery will help ensure that no one area receives a disproportionate level of fishing activity which may result in localised depletion.

> Tasmania's commercial abalone fishery is carefully managed and despite challenges, including the Ganglioneuritis virus, the fishery remains one of the most sustainably managed abalone fisheries with a strong future ahead of it.

> Despite a more than 30 tonne reduction for the west coast, there is a small increase in the overall TAC due to a 5 per cent increase in the catch allowed on the east coast.

> A research trial is currently underway to assess the sustainability of a reduction in the commercial minimum size for abalone on the north-west coast.



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Seafood Chef

Irene Prosser: seafood proprietor and chef at Charnwood Cottages

Rice and Seafood salad

Ingredients

2 cups of cooked Jasmine Rice 500g cooked and peeled prawns 1 sliced avocado 1 sliced red onion 1 punnet cherry tomatoes 1 medium size cucumber cut in half and sliced 1/4 bunch fresh mint roughly chopped 1/4 bunch fresh coriander

Dressing:

4 tblspn fish sauce 2 tblspn soy sauce juice of 1 lime 2 tspn sesame oil 1/2 deseeded sliced red chilli

In a bowl mix together all the dressing ingredients. In a large bowl combine all other ingredients. Pour the dressing over and toss together.

Salmon or tuna may also be used instead of prawns.



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Don't risk your food business

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Offending businesses face significant fines and imprisonment and revocation or suspension of their licence to operate a food business.

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MEETING

CON'S **COLUMN**

IN **ABALONE** TAC

Endangered species



Fishing families rally in Brisbane against the EPA 's proposal to rezone the Morton Bay Marine Park

Kangaroo Point.

protest rally, organised by the ing access to Morton Bay seafood, because of Queensland Seafood Industry the EPA's actions, free seafood was given away Association and the Morton Bay to members of the public. At the same time, Seafood Industry Association in support of local Moreton Bay fishing vessels steamed up Morton Bay fishing families and businesses the Brisbane River to help draw further attenwas held on the banks of the Brisbane River at tion to the industry's concerns and add to the effectiveness of the rally.

To highlight the risk of Bribane consumers los- fishing.

The aim of the rally was to highlight to mem- Organisers feel that Moreton Bay fishermen are bers of the general public, the media and the the real "endangered species" if the EPA does Queensland Government, the threat that fishing not start treating them in a more caring manner families and related businesses in the Moreton and provide both fishermen and off shore busi-Bay area face, by the proposed rezoning of the nesses with adequate restructuring funding Morton Bay Marine Park. Organisers of the packages. Although the EPA says that only rally believe that the Environment Protection 16% of the Park will be closed to fishing, the Agency is rushing to implement a poorly- QSIA estimates that more than 50% of it will planned, inadequately funded rezoning plan. be closed to one or more forms of commercial



Cartoon illustration Con Aslanis



Seafood Chef

Tassal Pure Tachemania

ore than 20 male Tassal employees tion towards men's health." **IV** in support of Movember. The The money raised by Movember is used to

Last week Tassal announced it will match every dollar the Tachemania team raise, a tes- fund research and increase support networks tament to the interest, enthusiasm and sup- for those men who suffer from prostate canport Movember has generated amongst cer and depression. Tassal staff and the broader community

"To see so many of our staff getting behind Movember is fantastic," said CEO Mark Mo Bro or via the Tassal Salmon Shop in Ryan. "We are delighted to be able to support Salamanca Square. this cause by matching employee's fundraising efforts with a company contribution. Hopefully we make a meaningful contribu-

team, named 'Tassal Pure Tachemania', are increase awareness of men's health issues aiming to raise \$10,000 in support of the through the Prostate Cancer Foundation of cause and are well on their way there. Australia and Beyondblue - the national depression initiative. The PCFA and Beyondblue will use the money raised to

future

Donations can be made online at www.movember.com.au, directly to a Tassal

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