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Women cast off cancer's grip with fly fishing

Always on the lookout to broaden the positive aspects of fishing, Recfishwest has reacted promptly to research showing that fly-fishing can have significant benefits for women recovering from breast cancer. Sporting special pink fly-fishing shirts and armed with new rigs that Recfishwest bought for the occasion, 11 amazingly cheerful and positive women turned up to give it a go at the first RFW Pink Fly-Fishing Clinics at Point Walter sand spit.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=157&ContentID=50229> and

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/FlyFishing2007photos.html>

Ross River virus risk for Perth and South-West

WA Department of Health is reminding people living or holidaying in the South-West or the metropolitan area to take care against mosquito bites following an increase in reported cases of Ross River Virus in recent weeks. Above average late spring rains and the flooding of breeding sites have contributed to the increased risk. People do not need to alter their travel plans, but it is important to avoid mosquito bites by taking a few simple steps.

http://www.health.wa.gov.au/press/view_press.cfm?id=753

Blue Mud Bay claim nothing to do with fishing rights

Lawyer for a group of traditional owners from Eastern Arnhem Land declared himself "completely at sea" when asked how a person would know they were in Aboriginal-controlled waters. There was no intention under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act to create the right to have exclusive possession of fisheries in the intertidal zone.

http://202.6.74.101/message/news/stories/ms_news_2110318.htm

Pilbara and 80 Mile Beach Marine Park planning to compensate for impact of gas plant

WA Government / Department of Environment and Conservation is progressing the expansion of the terrestrial and marine park and reserve system in the Pilbara and Eighty Mile Beach regions. The reserves will contribute to marine turtle conservation as part of the environmental mitigation and offset measures associated with the proposed Gorgon Gas Development on Barrow Island. A community engagement program is proposed.

<http://www.naturebase.net/content/view/3127/97/>

DEC offers marine park fishing assurances

The WA Department of Environment and Conservation says new marine parks proposed for the Pilbara and Eighty Mile Beach in the north-west will only restrict fishing in areas in need of strict biodiversity protection. "Marine parks have some zones where no fishing is allowed and these are usually a small proportion of the area of the marine park, but they are very important areas for biodiversity protection."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/12/10/2114013.htm>

Fish substitution leads to over \$3,000 in fines and court costs

Consumer Protection used DNA analysis to prosecute a trader for substitution of Basa for Dhufish, which is a breach of the Fair Trading Act. The Dept acts on complaints from consumers who suspect that they have not received what they paid for, and also conduct random surveys of restaurants, cafes, fish suppliers and other outlets. Penalties for fish substitution includes fines of up to \$6,000 for individuals and \$30,000 for companies.

http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/Corporate/Media/statements/2007/November/Fish_substitution_-_html

Last days to join Recfishwest to be included in draw for 6 Christmas prizes

The draw for the 6 separate prizes of 1) Engel 40 litre Fridge/freezer MT45 + Bag + Slide lock, valued at \$1,445; 2) Two return tickets to Exmouth flying Skywest Airlines; 3) and 4) Engel camping lantern valued at \$55 each; 5) Quality rod and reel; 6) Halco lure pack - will be held on the morning of Monday 17 December. All members of RFW registered by early 17 Dec will be eligible. This will give about 6 chances in 1000 of winning a prize.

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