

Great News from Sean Tracey at Utas – Paced Study of Science of Fishing (not over the top academic level)

17th June 20 – GFAA has received a very exciting opportunity from Dr Sean Tracey.

"I have had the opportunity to put together a couple of learning Units as part of the Diploma of Sustainable Living at Utas. The Units are called the Science of Fishing and are focused around foundation level (not over the top academic) science content of fish and fisheries designed for the lens of a recreational marine rod and line fisher. The Units can be taken as standalone to develop a deeper understanding of the science behind recreational fishing or students can elect to do other units available and go on to achieve the Diploma (of Sustainable Living). Through the relationship built with Paul Worsteling via Tuna Champions it became very apparent that he was very keen on the idea of the broader 'science of fishing' concept and has come onboard to help promote the course but also produce content (particularly around gear technology) and make sure there are sufficient aspects to make it engaging from the recreational fisher perspective.

*Two very exciting bits about the course are that it is **online and available to anyone in Australia** or beyond, and furthermore for domestic students there is a full HECS scholarship for this Diploma (and the Units) – **so, it is free!!** Paul and I had discussed what a great resource this would be for anyone working in the industry whether it is tackle stores, seafood restaurants, representative groups, fishing clubs and beyond to upskill their knowledge or just your average fisho that sits ponders the world when they are out fishing and maybe why they are not catching anything. I really like the idea of these community learning courses which just help develop a more informed society.*

Like everything at the moment the timeline is tight with enrolment closing in a couple of weeks so we are hoping to push this broadly and heavily for the next couple of weeks. Noting that it is a perpetual course though, with Unit 1 running in second semester this year and Unit 2 running 1st Semester next year, and so on.

The links below are shareable Facebook links for the Utas marketing posts. You will see for the first one in particular we have had a good response. This might help drive interest if these are shared as people will see that they are popular posts...

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I am pretty excited to see where this goes!

Cheers

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