

The Billy Taylor Barrawatch is a community project supported by the Fisheries Action Program (FAP) and like many other worthwhile fishy community projects Australia wide, it is the community groups, which are making fish conservation their priority.

Each year the FAP coordinators from each state and territory get together to discuss their state projects, talk about the program's performance and future directions. To all those people who have played a role in getting the Billy Taylor Barrawatch off the ground or are contributing to the project in some way, it may interest you to hear how the project was received at this year's committee meeting.

The Billy Taylor Barrawatch project was presented at the meeting as part of the Territory's report on progress. Thanks to Danielle Witham, who provided the material for the presentation, it received quite a lot of interest and some jealousy amongst the recreational fishers on the committee. The catch rates and size of the fish caught certainly had some of the other representatives salivating. Not to mention their surprise when shown one of the stickers used to measure the fish. However, most importantly the committee was enthusiastic about the way in which the AFANT had promoted the project and is continuing to report the project's results to participants and wider fishing community.

The tasks now at hand are to continue the enthusiastic participation rates the project has experienced so far and to collate the results into a final report. If the project's performance to date can be used as any indication, then the project will produce the expected results.

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