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Report on 1974 National Fisheries Seminar

The National Fisheries Seminar on Fishing Boat Economics held at the University of Adelaide from 26 to 28 August, 1974, achieved its initial objective of bringing fishermen together from all parts of Australia; of the 200 participants present, 70% were commercial fishermen. Other participants represented processing firms, servicing firms and Government bodies.

The second but equally important objective was also achieved in as much as all participants actively contributed to the proceedings to the benefit of one another. It was apparent, by their attentiveness, that the majority of participants were conscious of and concerned with the economic problems facing the fishing industry and that the overall theme and associated program had been well chosen.

The speakers for the seminar were chosen for their particular expertise and must be congratulated for the expediency with which their papers were prepared. It should be kept in mind that when one chooses an expert one does not necessarily choose an orator - the papers delivered at the seminar will be the lasting record and will serve as useful reference material for all persons associated with the industry both for the present and for the future. The papers delivered, as per final program, were as follows:

- Opening Address by the Hon. G.R. Broomhill, M.L.A.
- Keynote Address - Mr A.G. Bollen
- 'Fishing as an Investment' - Mr M.A. Sturman
- 'Fishing as an Investment - Comment' - Mr Trevor Hastings
- 'Expenditure Control' - Mr R.S. Boumphrey
- 'Fishing Boat Design' - Mr L.A. Randell
- 'Boat Builders Requirements' - Mr D.P. Verboon
- 'Choice of Marine Engines' - Mr I. Clark
- 'Some Considerations in the Choice of Deck Gear and Machinery' - Mr L. Van Brackel
- 'The Fisherman as a Borrower' - Mr T.F. Meany
- 'Shipbuilders Requirements' - Mr E.S. Clarke

- 'The Fisherman as a Borrower' - Mr K.F. Lane
- 'Insuring the Venture' - Mr J. Fillmore
- 'Taxation as it Affects the Fisherman' - Mr R.J. Williams

Amongst the many resolutions adopted by the participants was the need for a follow-up seminar to be planned for the near future.

The post seminar report which will include full details of the proceedings, is expected to be available by mid January. It will be distributed to all persons who participated at the seminar and to any member of S.C.F. to which this criterium does not apply.

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