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seriously  
interested in  
the future of  
game fishing  
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## **Game Fishing Association of Australia Research and Development Foundation Ltd**

The GFAA Research and Development Foundation was established in 1994 as the scientific research arm of the Game Fishing Association of Australia and to provide the continued development of the sport of game fishing in Australia.

The Research and Development Foundation subscribers were Bob Lowe, John Johnston, Peter Goadby, Malcolm Ramsay, Peter Bennett and Col Roberts.

One of the main objectives of the Research and Development Foundation is the conservation of marine animals and their environment and the management of pelagic species, in particular to prevent the depletion of game fish stocks in Australian waters.

Some of the research programs sponsored and funded by the GFAA Research and Development Foundation have been:

- Assistance with submission to SA Government regarding access to white sharks.
- A Genetic Analysis of Black Marlin (*Makaira indica*) Stock Structure by Dr Julian Pepperell, of Pepperell Research & Consulting, and Dr John Graves, of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, VA, USA.
- Archival tagging of Pacific Blue Marlin (*Makaira mazara*) in conjunction with the Pacific Ocean Research Foundation.)
- Vision in Game Fish research by Dr Kerstin Fritsches of the University of Queensland Vision Touch and Hearing Research Centre.
- Representation on the great white shark Research Working Group.
- Sponsorship of the Third International Billfish Symposium in Cairns, 2004.
- Funding to CSIRO in years 2000, 2001, 2002 for Pop-up Archival Satellite Transmitting tags (PATs) to study the behaviour and movement of black marlin in the Coral Sea and Western Pacific Ocean.
- In conjunction with NSW Fisheries, was instrumental in obtaining from the US based Billfish Foundation start up numbers of the new generation of plastic headed tags now being deployed by the game fishing fleet in marlins in the AFZ. The Foundation has recently contributed significant funds to NSW Fisheries so these tags may now be deployed in all species of billfish.
- Representation to protect access to game fish in the Great Barrier Reef MPA and the Representative Areas Program.
- Helped develop the "Marlin Bill" introduced into Federal Parliament in 1997 by the then Minister, Senator Parer, which protected black marlin and blue marlin from commercial capture in Australian waters.

**Graham Woollard  
President**



# The future of game fishing is in your hands

Our sport is increasingly coming under threats.

The GFAA Research and Development Foundation addresses these on your behalf to ensure an equitable share in the gamefish resource and its management and conservation.

To do this, we need your support.

If you wish to preserve the future of game fishing for future generations of anglers and to preserve your right to access recognised gamefish species we urge you to become a member of the Foundation.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Ordinary Membership: \$55 per annum (certificate and patch)

Tackle Shop or Business Member: \$165 per annum (certificate, shirt, cap and patch)

Individual Life Member: \$1100 (certificate, jacket, shirt, cap, patch, etc in membership kit)

Association or Business Life Membership: \$1100 (certificate, jacket, shirt, cap, patch, etc in membership kit)

Game Fishing Club Membership : \$165 per annum (certificate, shirt, cap and patch)

Benefactor Member: \$275 per annum (certificate, jacket, cap and patch)

Game Fish Life Member: \$1100 (certificate, jacket, shirt, cap, patch, etc in membership kit)

\*All memberships are in Australian dollars and are GST inclusive.

Supporting Member: \$165 per annum (certificate, shirt, cap and patch)

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