**BEMM HISTORY FOR B.R.A.C.**

                             CAN YOU HELP?

WE WANT YOUR STORY

Over the years Bemm River has provided us with its many unique features. The most unique of all being the hundreds of families who have supported Bemm.   
                                        IS THIS YOU??

3rd or 4th generation families are not uncommon. Each and every visitor to Bemm has played an important role in helping Bemm River become an iconic destination.

The Bemm River Angling Club would like to collate a list of family names that have made Bemm their annual or regular destination and why.

This would be made into a record of historical importance, which could be of value to many, and maybe be displayed electronically and also at an appropriate venue.

There is a very well detailed record of the early history of Bemm River 1880 to 1930, known as A Bend in the River which is at the moment being updated and made ready for printing, however, records of the more recent years need updating and collating.

The Angling Club invites you to have input, as we believe that your stories are critical to the success of this venture. The value of this format, is that as the years pass, the information can be updated and kept alive as a living history.

If this concept is supported, we the Angling Club could find a way to commemorate those who are no longer with us.

One of the most important events in Bemm’s history was the revoking of eleven netting licences In Sydenham Inlet. In 1936 a visitor was so appalled at the numbers of small Bream being killed from netting that he drove to Melbourne and demanded that Mr Lewis come to Bemm to see for himself. As a result of this intervention, all of the licences were cancelled and from 1936, Sydenham Inlet has been net free. A significant piece of history worthy of being recorded.

Please fill out the following Questionnaire.

         BEMM RIVER HISTORIC RECORD OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

Family Name/Members……………………...................................................  
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      What year did you or your family first come to Bemm? ……………………

         Where did you stay?……………………………………………………...

         What brought you to Bemm, or who introduced you to Bemm?

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         Do you give your permission for the Angling Club to use your name to create a record? Yes No

        Could you help in the development of an awareness of the many unique features that have been so critical to Bemm River’s progress and what do you think that they are?...........................................................................................

         Have you any information regarding the early days at Bemm, or perhaps family names from years ago?...........................................................................

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         Photos?? Originals will be copied and returned…………………………

         Any other information you may have to offer………………………………….

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Remember, we want this to be your story, and it is so important to record the history for the future.

Please forward this onto Di Cunningham **di.cunningham@icloud.com**