



# FISH 'N' TIPS

February 2024

The monthly electronic newsletter of Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club



**Keith Kable -  
Club President**

## President's Report

*February 2024*

Hello everyone,

February already and the club as normal is starting the new year at a forceful pace. Our February general meeting will be at the RSL @ 7.00 pm on Monday the 12th which I am sure will be as entertaining as usual with news and updates on our calendar for this year.

I have noticed a slight drop in attendance figures for a few of our upcoming events like Somerset and Clean up Australia Day, and maybe this is only because of recent illness and other debilitating injuries or upcoming operations for some of our members. To all those affected by this, our sincere thoughts go out to you and your affected family members.

You will have noticed we have brought into our Calendar a boat competition and a possible change to our Pebble Beach Day earlier than anticipated in order to unclutter the end of year commitments.

Included in this month's newsletter will also be an introductory report by our new Catering and Events Coordinator, Hilary Woodward.

The scuttlebutt is going around about a few good catches of fish both inshore and off which is surprising due to the state of the water in the passage at the moment, so good luck to those that venture out.

Our weighmaster is overseas at the moment, but you can still send in your weigh sheets, if not waiting for the end of month, to the normal email sites.

Clean Up Australia Day is looming closer, and I would love to see more members participating this year as I feel a couple of hours leisurely walk around our foreshores to pick up a bit of rubbish is a small price to pay to try and keep our backyard as pristine as possible.

This is followed by a sausage sizzle plus an enjoyable get together with like-minded members. There is always a laugh at the rubbish collected.

Only a short report this month due to a busy time with a few work commitments and family obligations in this household so please try to stay safe and well and I look forward to our next adventures together.

**KK**

## Editor's Notes

Hi everyone,

Here we are, ploughing through the second month and the weather is still leaving a lot to be desired. However, there has been the odd good day, and hopefully, our fishing members have been taking advantage of them.

This month's weighmaster's report (well, the January report actually), shows 67 fish weighed in, let's see if we can do better for the February report. Cut off date for this month is 6pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Weigh sheets are on the website.

Last month, Carmel Chauhan had a terrible accident. The club sent her some flowers and she is on the mend slowly. I have included a thank you letter from Carmel on this page.

On page 5 in this newsletter, we have Hilary's first Events and Catering report. Be sure to read that to keep up with what is happening within the club.

I've published the club boundaries again, mainly for the benefit of newer members, but also for anyone who just isn't quite sure where the limits are. That's on page 6.

The rest of the newsletter is pretty straightforward, so enjoy reading.

### Front Page Photo

February's front page photo is another one for the girls. Marg Langley holds a Tarwhine that she caught earlier this month, making it her first club weigh-in.

By the way, if anyone going to any of the events would like to take photos for the website and newsletter, please, feel free to do so, and send some to me.

See you at Monday's meeting,

*Alison.*

Send your contributions to me at

[bribierslfcwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:bribierslfcwebmaster@gmail.com)

### Thank You Letter

The following is a letter from Carmel Chauhan after her recent accident.

I'm writing to thank everyone at the Fishing Club for the lovely flowers and card which Margaret kindly delivered.

Unfortunately it will be some time before I can get back to "normal" but I'll get there. Amrat and I have been overwhelmed with how supportive everyone has been which we are very grateful for.

Take care everyone.

Thanks & regards Carmel



**Richard Holmes -**

**Weighmaster**

# Weighmaster's Report

*For January 2024*

*Total no. of fish weighed in - 67*

Men's Offshore - 11 fish weighed in		
Place	Name	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Loris Roubin	67
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Wicks	37

Ladies' Inshore - 1 fish weighed in		
Place	Name	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alison Herring	10

Men's Inshore - 55 fish weighed in		
Place	Name	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Trevor Plant	108
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Winnett	73
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Phillips	60
4 <sup>th</sup>	John Casey	36
5 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Patterson	22
6 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Burns	11
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce Carey	9
8 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Hannay	6
9 <sup>th</sup>	Coll Callander	4

Lucky Draw
Steve Burns
Greg Hannay



**2009**



**2019**

# Upcoming Events

*By Hilary Woodward*

Hello Everyone

Welcome to my first report as Catering and Events Co-ordinator. This is all new to me, so I would be very happy to receive any and all ideas and feedback as we move forward.

The Club has certainly hit the ground running for 2024. We have a few of the regular events happening in February and March for which we are needing an idea of numbers.

Firstly, you all would have seen the email regarding the Boat Competition on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are participating by either providing the boat or signing on as crew.

Then we have our regular monthly BBQ on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00pm.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March it is Clean Up Australia Day. Starting time is 7am, clean up for 2 hours then a BBQ breakfast will be provided by the Kables. I am sure Keith will have mentioned this in his report.

The first of our Somerset Dam Comps takes place early March. As usual, we have booked most, if not all, the cabins and have also booked 5 caravan sites. The dates these are held for are Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March (3 nights). Please telephone NRMA Lake Somerset Holiday Park on 07 54971093 to reserve your cabin and let them know you are with the Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club. Please also let me know once you have booked so I can keep track of what's happening.

I think that's it from me for the moment. See you all at the General Meeting.

Hilary

(Catering & Events Co-ordinator Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club)

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*"I'm all for fishing technology, but that monitor is going to sink the boat."*

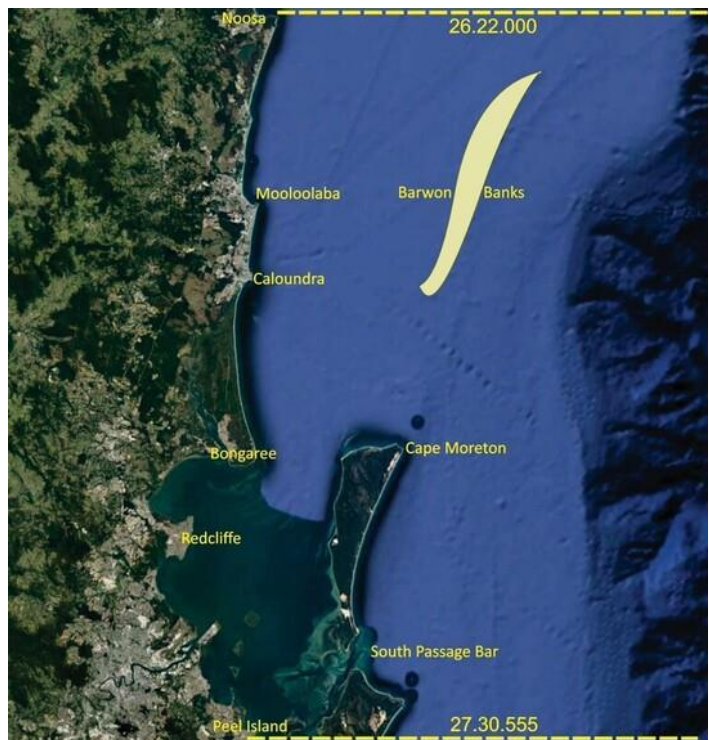
## Club Fishing Boundaries

I published these maps in the April 2023 newsletter, but I think it's still good to be reminded of where we can and can't fish as a club. Mainly for the benefit of new members, but also for anyone who is not too sure. These maps can also be found on the club website under Fishing Info, and in the constitution.



## Inshore Boundaries

The inshore boundaries (marked in yellow) encompass the Pumicestone Passage and extend south from the northern tip of Bribie Island to Skirmish point, eastward to the red lateral marker on the western side of Gilligan's, south to the green marker then on to the yellow cardinal beacon, west to the red lateral marker in Deception Bay and then north to an extended line along both green zone markers to Godwin beach as detailed on the map.



## Offshore Boundaries

The Offshore fishing boundaries are limited to the north by 26.22.000 and to the south by 27.30.555 and exclude all areas within the Inshore fishing boundaries.

## Freshwater Competition Boundaries

The monthly freshwater competition is restricted to the following impoundments – Somerset Dam, Wivenhoe Dam, Moogerah Dam, Maroon Dam, Bjelke Petersen Dam, Boondooma Dam, Borumba Dam, Monduran Dam and Cressbrook Dam.

You must have a current permit to fish these dams.

## Closed Seasons

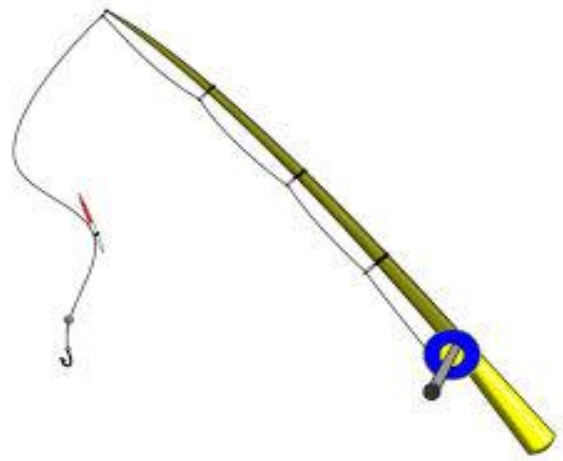
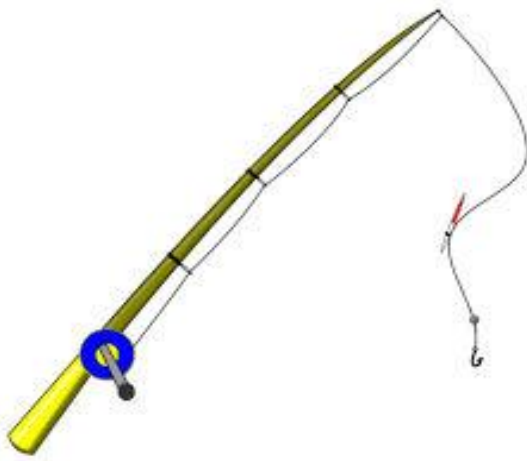
Please be aware of the following closed seasons

**Spanish Mackerel:** The Southern Spanish Mackerel closed seasons are 1st to 21st February and again from 1st to 21st March. These dates apply each year to the Southern east coast waters south of latitude 22°S (Slightly south of Mackay) down to the QLD/NSW border.

## Monthly Fishing Prizes

Because of the present state of the club finances, the committee has decided to increase the monthly fishing prizes, effective from the January 2024 weigh-ins.

The prizes for the Inshore and Offshore comps for both men and women are now:-  
Winners \$40.00, 2nd Place \$30.00, 3rd Place \$20.00 and 4th Place \$10.00. And there are now 2 lucky draws of \$10.00 each for members who weighed in but failed to win a prize.



## Raffles

Our Thursday night raffles at the RSL Club continue throughout the year, so get yourselves down there anytime from 5pm. Have dinner and a drink with friends and buy some tickets to support your fellow club members and your fishing club. The draw will be just after 7pm in the Sports Bar.

### The roster for February and March is:

15th February - Ony & Loris Roubin, and Vera Sipovac & Tony Maatouk

22nd February - Therese Lee & Steve Bruce, and John and Sandy Casey

29th February - Therese Lee & Steve Bruce, and John and Sandy Casey

7th March - Heatherbell & Ray Rogers and Sharon and Roley Cook

14th March - Heatherbell & Ray Rogers and Richard Holmes and Barry Parks

21st March - Sharon & Roley Cook and Richard Holmes and Barry Parks

## *Somerset Dam*

This competition is held on 6th and 7th March this year, and is part one of the Otto Scott and Jack Daley trophies. Part two will be held in November and the trophies presented in December. Many people go for the whole week now, so get your names onto the forms at the meetings or BBQs to book your accommodation. Read the report from Hilary, our new Events and Catering co-ordinator.

### *Permit required*

You will need a SIP - a Stocked Impoundment Permit to fish this dam and you can buy one online if you don't already have one. <https://dafqld.forms.decipha.auspost/sip>

### *Freshwater fishing charters*

Back in November, Vic and myself, along with a friend from NZ, had the opportunity to go on a charter on Somerset Dam. We had no idea there were even charters on freshwater, so we were keen to give this a go. (Unfortunately for us it was the week **after** our club competition)

Matthew Langford was our skipper for the day, and he took us to various spots on the lake, most of which we caught several fish at. (And before you ask, I can't remember where!)

He operates between 8am and 4pm, so no early morning starts, and you can book a half or full day. And there was no messy bait, we only used lures. If anyone thinks they may be interested in giving this a try, check out his website. You won't be disappointed. [www.australianfreshwaterfishing.com](http://www.australianfreshwaterfishing.com)

By the way, did I mention I outfished the boys that day?



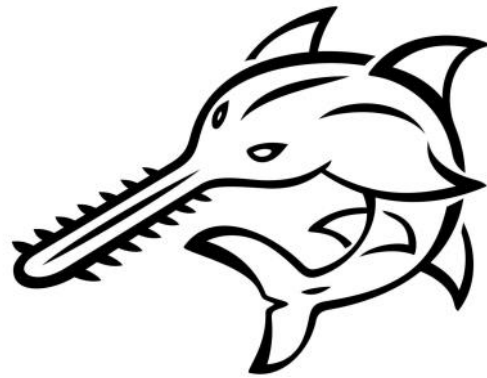


## *Giant Sawfish caught in WA.*

Ever fancy reeling in a monster fish on the beach? That's exactly what 3 teens did in November at Port Hedland, WA.

Go to this [ABC link](#) to read about their exciting evening catch.

Thanks to Marg Langley for sending in the link to this article.



## *John Casey's recent catches*



John Casey with a rather heavy shovelnose shark, which he caught during January off Pebble Beach.



John Casey with a cobia caught during February. Once again off the Pebble Beach area.

## **BBQs at TOC-H**



These are held on the last Sunday of each month. Your annual membership fee covers the cost of all BBQs. (Just bring some cash for raffles!)

It is a BYO venue and if you have never been there before, you can find TOC H at 36 Banya St, Bongaree. (Go down the grassy slope).

A map is available on the website at [www.bribiersfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html](http://www.bribiersfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html) or just use Google maps on your phone.

The next BBQ will be held on **Sunday 25th February at 4pm**, and will be manned by Lyn and Bruce Carey, along with Coll Callander and Chris Povey.

This month will be Chicken schnitzel burgers.



Mike and Ron cook the onions for the January BBQ, while Trevor Plant keeps them company

## **Committee Members 2024**

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# Our Sponsors

Thank you to all our sponsors for the continued support.

Many of our Raffle Prizes have been donated from these businesses so make sure you support them when you can.



The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to fishermen and women with a common interest, but also to the many residents of Bribie Island and the surrounding area who would otherwise lead a lonely existence. Without the ability to raise the necessary funds, our club would not be able to exist, so through the generosity of the Bribie RSL Club, members of our club are able to raise the finances required by conducting raffles for meat and seafood vouchers on Thursday nights throughout the year. In addition, the Bribie Island RSL Club supports us in very substantial and significant ways – use of the ANZAC room for our monthly general meetings and very importantly, a \$25 voucher each month for our member’s draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.





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