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April 2021



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**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT
April 2021**

Hello Everyone,

This is only a short report to bring you up to date on a couple of important items.

One of course is we finally welcomed Valentina Crump into our prestigious life membership fraternity, which was long overdue because of Covid, health and travel commitments.

A quick mention also to our Caterers for another great BBQ at the end of March. Unfortunately we had to once again cancel the Pebble Beach Fishing Comp due of course to weather and passage run off. We still have quite a bit happening socially so keep a look out for mentions in the Newsletter and at our General Meeting on Monday. 12th April at 7pm upstairs at the RSL (with masks please).

I will make a quick mention again that you must register your interest in attending any event that we organise,

either on our Nomination Sheets or by email or phone call to either myself, Heatherbell Rogers or Chris Kneller to allow us to fully cater for all members attending each function.

As you will see by the new Website, all of our planned trips are on there as well as the 2021 Club Calendar. This is still a work in progress but it is going along nicely thanks to Alison and Vic Herring. The newsletter is now being done by David and Zeny Francis, and is coming along nicely as well.

Well I said it was short but in closing a shout out to those members who are in poor health, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your loved ones.

Best of fishing when the weather clears so bye for now.



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. Currently our club has approximately eighty members of whom only twenty to thirty are regular fisher people.

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 meat tray raffles on a Thursday night from June until January of each year. In addition, the Bribie Island RSL Club supports us in very substantial and significant ways – use of facilities at the Sports Club for our monthly presentation BBQ's, 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.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO VALENTINA CRUMP

Valentina Rachel Ribes was born in Victoria in 1934, her family later relocating to the Innisfail area in Far North Queensland. She married Jose (Joseph) Paronella in 1952, where they lived at his family home and business, Paronella Park, located at Mena Creek. They had 2 sons, Jose (Joe) and Kerry, who were both raised at Paronella Park as well. Valentina was widowed in 1972 when Joe died at the age of 39 years as the result of a heart attack.

In 1974, she married long-time local Lesley Juhas. During her time with Les, she became involved in the Innisfail Game Fishing Club of which he was a member. Valentina was widowed for a second time in 1976 when Les died suddenly as the result of a brain aneurysm whilst they were holidaying at Tangalooma on Moreton Island. Valentina Paronella and their sons Jose and Kerry operated Paronella Park until its sale in 1977. Valentina met John Crump in 1977 and became romantically involved. John had also been involved with game fishing in the Innisfail area. Prior to their relationship, John had owned the "Game Doll" game fishing charter boat. Two of his clients were Bob and Dolly Dyer of "BP Pick-a-Box" fame, and we believe that the name "Game Doll" was in Dolly Dyer's honour. Lee Marvin, as well as a number of other famous movie stars, also became customers in search of the illusive Black Marlin. After the sale of Paronella Park, John and Valentina moved to Western Australia, John's place of birth, for several years. They married in Perth in 1981. John and Valentina purchased a pleasure boat named "Tarraleah" while in the west and returned to Queensland and settled on Bribie Island in the mid 1990's, having Tarraleah transported to Bribie as well.

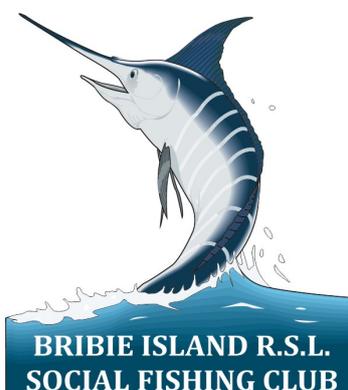
Valentina and John joined the Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing club in 2008 and quickly made an impression when John introduced the wearing of "Name Tags" and the "Badge Draw" and his jokes. Valentina and John joined the committee as Fund Raisers and single handedly organised and ran the raffles at each of our meetings, BBQs and Thursday nights for over three years. Sadly, John passed away in 2017 but Valentina has remained an active member of the Club.

I would like to bestow this long overdue Honorary Membership to Valentina for her massive contribution to our Club and laying of Wreaths at our RSL Anzac Day for the Fishing Club.



Valentina; A much loved and respected member of our fishing club community receives a well deserved Honorary Membership from our president Keith Kable

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL SOCIAL FISHING CLUB



Honorary Life Membership
The honour of Life Membership is presented to

Valentina Crump

*In recognition and sincere appreciation for the
outstanding loyalty and dedication to the
Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club.
This honour acknowledges the present and past
commitment as well as the never ending work
undertaken by Valentina for the benefit
of the club and its members for over 12 years of
Loyal membership*

Signed: Keith Kable President

11 January 2021

Monthly Comp - March 2021

Total No of Fish 59 Inshore

Ladies Inshore

Place	Name	Points	No of Fish
Winner	Winnett Carole	19	2
R/up	Johnson Meg	10	1
3 rd	Phillips Margaret	8	1

Mens Inshore

Place	Name	Points	No of Fish
Winner	Plant Trevor	124	19
R/up	Winnett Ron	117	18
3rd	Casey John	50	11
4 th	Phillips Michael	21	6
5 th	Johnson Brian	1	1

Total No of Fish 37 Offshore

Mens Offshore

Place	Name	Points	No of Fish
Winner	Phillips Michael	113.04	12
R/up	Urquhart Jim	96.56	8
3rd	Chauhan Amrat	77.625	7
4th	Kable Keith	72.98	6
5th	McGruddy Peter	49	4

Lucky Draw

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March Monthly Competition - (Fri 26 Feb to Fri 26 Mar 2021)

Offshore Mens

Good to see plenty of activity with the Offshore Competition. In spite of the patchy weather there were five intrepid offshore fishermen were out there ...

Inshore Ladies

Carole, Margaret and Meg were the only ladies who submitted weigh-in sheets

Inshore Men's

Trevor Plant edged Ron Winnett out of 1st place this month catching 19 fish over 8 species.

Pebble Beach Competition

This annual event had to be deferred due to the copious amount of slimy weed as seen in this photo from President Keith. About 23 keen and willing members will have to reschedule their plans.



April Monthly Competition - (Fri 26 Mar to Fri 30 Apr 2021)

Pebble Beach Competition (To be advised)

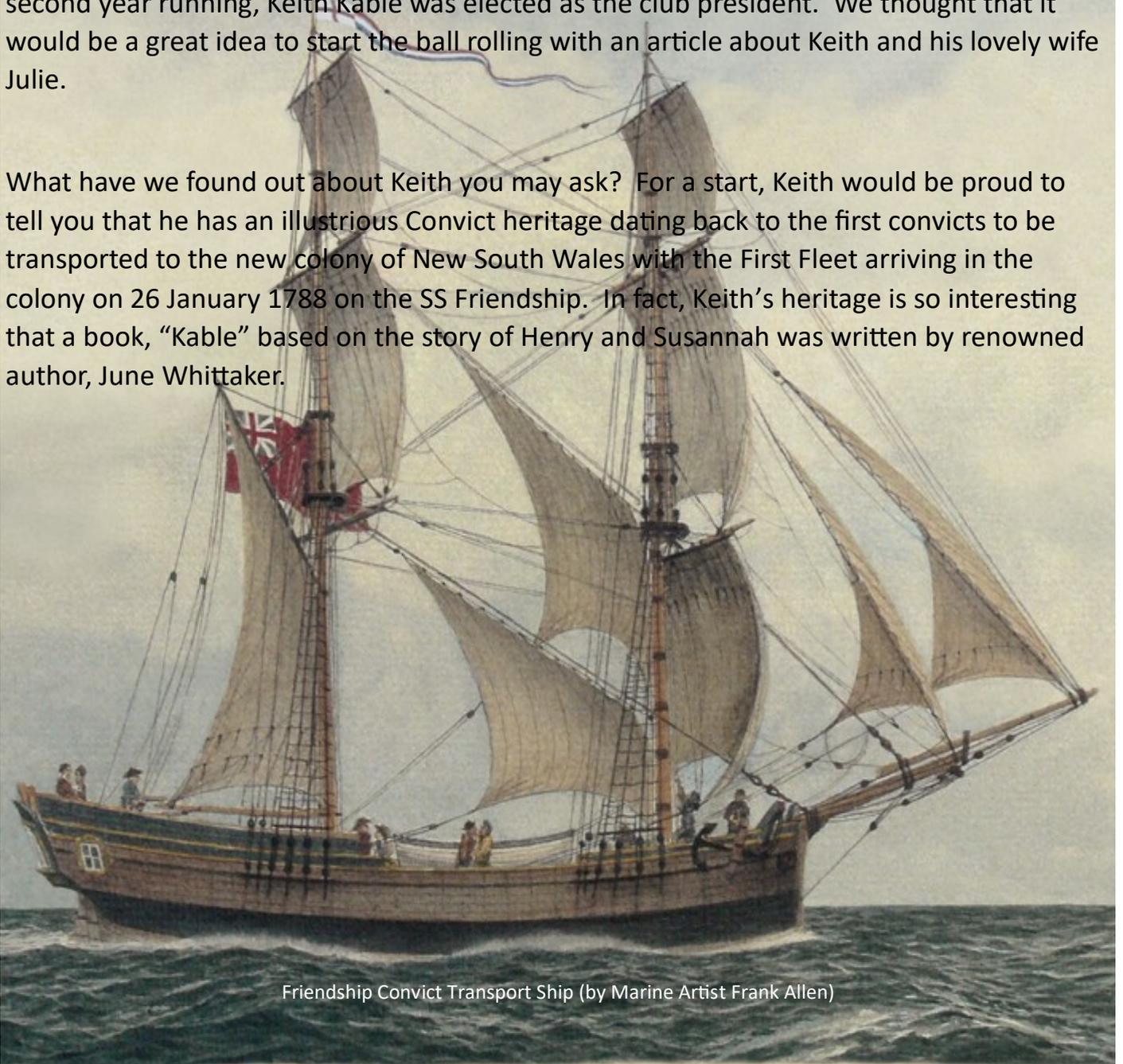
Somerset Dam 1 Day Competition (Wed 21 Apr 2021)

Know Your Committee

They sit out in the front of the room during the monthly meetings of the club. You think you know them, but is that really the case?

We thought that it would be a good idea to uncover some of the unknown facts about the members. The number one figurehead of the club is its president. This year, for the second year running, Keith Kable was elected as the club president. We thought that it would be a great idea to start the ball rolling with an article about Keith and his lovely wife Julie.

What have we found out about Keith you may ask? For a start, Keith would be proud to tell you that he has an illustrious Convict heritage dating back to the first convicts to be transported to the new colony of New South Wales with the First Fleet arriving in the colony on 26 January 1788 on the SS Friendship. In fact, Keith's heritage is so interesting that a book, "Kable" based on the story of Henry and Susannah was written by renowned author, June Whittaker.



Friendship Convict Transport Ship (by Marine Artist Frank Allen)

Keith's story is set out below.

THE KABLES

To start this adventure of time past I would like to take you on a genealogy trip back to the First Fleet. I won't bore you with this life story although there are many many Australian firsts in the Kable Folklore.

First Marriage in captivity

First Child born in captivity

First Land Grant to a prisoner which was 199 George St Sydney, now The Four Seasons Hotel, formerly The Regent Hotel where you could dine in style at Kable's Restaurant on the first floor.



A figurine of Henry & Susannah

ABOUT THE BOOK

Sentenced by a British court to transportation to the American Colonies, 18-year-old Henry Kable fights for his own survival and that of his lover, Susannah Holmes, in Norwich Castle Gaol; then, in 1787, he fights to join Susannah and their baby son in the first fleet to Botany Bay. When the ship's captain rejects their baby because the child has no papers, two quite dissimilar proponents enter the fray: John Simpson, the common turnkey of Norwich Gaol, and Lord Sydney, the Home Secretary.

At 'Botany Bay' Kable initiates the first civil law suit in the Colony of New South Wales, successfully charging Captain Sinclair of the transport *Alexander* with the loss of his parcel. With his monetary compensation in hand, Kable fights to share in the rum trade with the officers of the NSW Corps, and opens the first colonial inn.

There is money to be made in sealing as well as trade with the Pacific Islands and Asia; but to enter the mercantile trade Kable must build ships and circumvent the East India Company and the regulations of the colonial governors.

Kable saw the beginning and the end of transportation of convicts to NSW; the growth of Sydney from a straggle of tents to a city; and the changes from a military to a representative form of government. As a convict, he used the rule of law to wring justice out of the penal code. He used the rule of law against commercial rivals. Later, as a member of the growing emancipist class, he conscripted the rule of law to push for a free society, forcing the Home Government to reassess its view of New South Wales as a penal colony.

Kable's story illustrates the triumph of spirit over sorrow, anguish and deprivation. In Kable we see the traits we came to think of in following generations as special to the Australian character.

Kable is at once a love story, a romance, an adventure and a history — with the added fillip of being true.

The story is now well-known in England, where Kable and Susannah are major wax-work figures in Norwich museum; while the places associated with Kable's early life are shown on tourist maps.

Legal historians in Australia have long recognised the part played by Kable in Australia's history, but wider educational circles have yet to make his acquaintance. Upon publication of the first book of the trilogy, Rev Roger Bush asserted on radio: "This book should be in every school library!" while in a television interview with the author, the film critic Bill Collins enthused: "What a marvellous film this story will make!"

I move now to my Grandparents who were cotton and beef farmers out at Biloela and Rockhampton Qld. My parents, father out of Sydney (carpenter) and Mother out of Rockhampton (who would know how they met) had 3 boys and 2 girls of which only myself and my elder brother remain. We were all Brisbane born and bred around Paddington, until we slowly spread our wings along the eastern states of Australia.

I met Julie at Wests Leagues Club where I played Junior Rugby League and I continued to follow them and The Broncos to this day. In December 1975, after having completed my National Service, I married Julie in Brisbane. A great decision on my part! At the time, Julie had 2 boys from her previous marriage and with the additional 2 girls that we soon added ourselves, it was a great mix resulting in one big happy family. Now we have 5 Grandchildren 4 boys and 1 girl, the Kable Clan keeps on

At the time that I married Julie, I had just finished my 2 year National Service and even being entitled to stay on with another stripe I chose civilian life and returned to my trade as a Master Painter/Decorator. I don't use that term lightly as we were taught all facets of most building trades – unlike now. Unable to work with fools or bosses with no forward planning, I soon set up our own company and we had great success for over 40 years. I still tend to keep my hand in repairs and repainting not only for a bit of fitness but mainly for the social aspect as well. Julie is happy with this arrangement as it gives her time to do Arts & Crafts and Zumba and her gardening and also keeps me out of the Bank Accounts!!!!

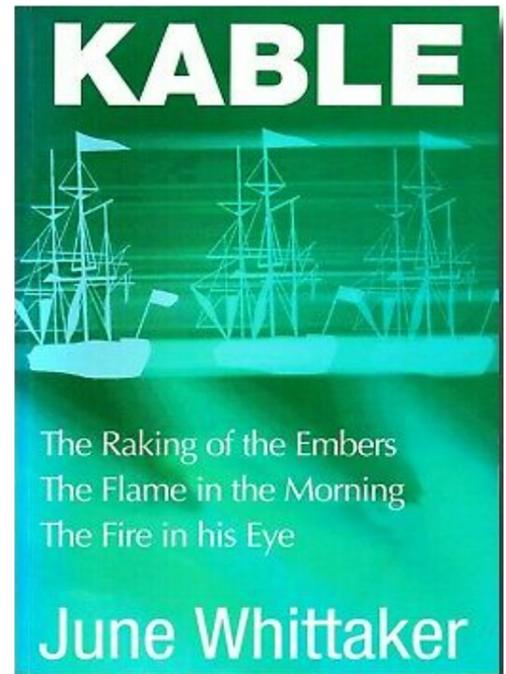
Julie was a nurse at a Nursing Home and after a break of 6 years she returned to work until her retirement in 2008. As for the Fishing Club, it has given us over 10 years of pleasure both on Bribie and our many trips away. We have met and made friends with many great people and we hope to repay this with our work ethics and our friendliness.

To this day, I remain an avid fisherman. My preferred pursuit is freshwater fishing. With a lot of luck and, dare I say it, some skill, I have won approximately 10 freshwater fishing competitions conducted by the club.

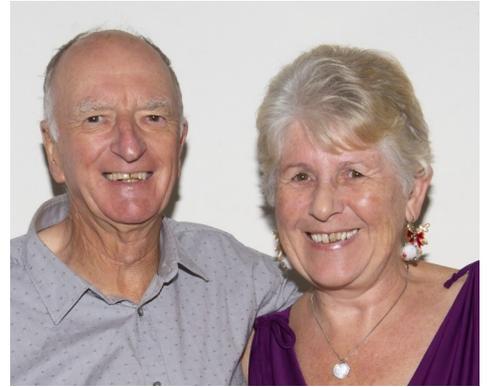
Having enjoyed the rewards of membership of the club over the years, I was lucky enough to be elected as Vice-President in 2017 and then as President in 2019. Despite myself, I have continued in the role of President up to and including the current year. I would encourage anybody out there to get involved in the Club's activities either as a volunteer or simply as a participant. Julie and I can both attest to the fact that it is a great way to meet people. As they say, you only get out of it what you put into it!

I hope you all enjoy your time at the club and look out fish here we come!!!!

Julie and Keith Kable



On the Social Scene



Our next social activity is at the Maroochy fishing weekend in May. We have booked tables at the local pub for Friday night where it is “do your own thing” and for the Saturday following the competition we have also booked at the local pub where there will be subsidised seniors meal.

On Sunday 26 June we have social bowls at the Solander Bowls club at 2.00pm followed by snacks from the club in lieu of the usual BBQ. Bowling will cost \$10 per head and you will need to wear thongs or socks. No sneakers. There will be a list at the meeting where you can indicate if you wish to bowl or will just be attending the “BBQ”. If you have not nominated to fish for the month then the usual \$5 BBQ fee will apply.

After that the next planned social activity is the Christmas in July night on 31 July at the Woorim Golf club. This will be a sit down meal and we have a 2 piece band booked to provide live music for those who wish to have a dance. There will also be a couple of fun games during the musicians breaks. As we have not finalised costs with the Caterer the cost of this night is currently unknown but as usual will be reasonable

For Sunday 15 August we are planning on a coach trip into the city and a lunch cruise on the Kookaburra Queen. However the Kookaburra Queen is currently not taking bookings beyond July as they are changing the format from a smorgasbord to a la carte so cannot currently give us costs. This means we are currently unable to finalise Whether we can do this trip as it will depend on costs. As soon as we know anymore we will let you know.

Finally we have booked Rainbow Beach for the October weekend and organised tables at the Surf Club for the Friday night and a room and meal is being organised at the Sports Club for the Saturday night and competition Presentation. We are still finalising accommodation costs and will advise when we know what the costs will be.

Mike and Margaret



“Eligibility for Fishing Competitions”

To be eligible to compete in monthly competitions and be eligible for accumulation of annual points and monthly prizes, members must pay a nomination fee. This fee is \$5.00 per month payable at the start of the month or can be paid as an annual fee of \$45.00. Payment of this fee entitles that member to participate without further payment in the end of month BBQ.

“Monthly BBQ”

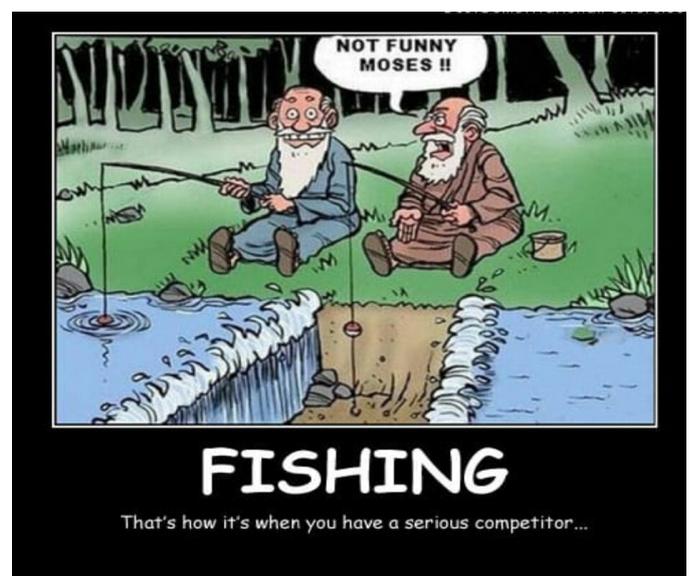
A BBQ is normally held the afternoon of the last Sunday of each month to present the prizes for the monthly fishing competition. Members who have paid their nomination fees for the monthly competition will be entitled to a free meal. The cost to all other members is \$5 per head.

Hopefully, the above explanations will clear up any confusion which arisen with regard to such issues.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE: FUNNY PHOTOS FISHING MEMES



Like the priest getting a hole in one on a Sunday. My wife calls it Karma.



The Photo Competition



When we set the theme for this month's photo competition, I didn't realise how the word famous would be interpreted. The thought that I had was the thousands of common brands like Vegemite, Arnott's, Coke and a host of other brands that you have found in your fridge or pantry, but when I looked at the comments from the judges, I realised that there were also a lot of famous brands that had a bit of nostalgia for a lot of our members simply because they were brands that we had all grown up with.

So, the winner of this month's photo Competition was the "Holden" by Les Hunt. As soon as you look at the photo you could identify with its shape and know that it was a Holden, a true icon of our time. The brilliant colour and shine also set the photo apart from all the others and the fact that there were people in the car made it a little more personal.

Judging second place was a very difficult task because there had been a lot of thought, creativity and imagination put into the each of the following two photos; "Bubbling Tower" by Alison Herring and "Just add Ice" by Tammy Oostenbroek. The Bubbling tower of Coca Cola was an amazing entry, and it was very hard to find fault in this creation and the Action in the Glass of Whiskey was only let down because the top of the bottle had been cut off.

The bottle of Taylors by Sheila Oostenbroek scored really well at third place as the quality of the photo was clean and clear without distractions. Joining Sheila in Third place was the "Canon" by Adrienne West.

There were no placings for the rest of the photos, but it is obvious that a lot of thought and preparation has been allocated before each photo was taken. Congratulations to all the participants and the Judges.

The Theme for APRIL is ***"Railings and/or Fences"***

Clean Up Australia

I am still not sure what the actual start time was for the annual “Clean Up Australia” Day but the really keen members were there at 6:00am sharp. President Keith seemed to think that there was only a very light sprinkle coming down from the heavens, but our members were prepared for a major downpour and maybe it was just as well.

The details of the day seemed to be a little vague because another group called “Bribie Blue” had also been designated for our area which was great news because it meant that there would be more people to clean up the same area. The start time also seemed to be a bit early. Fancy starting at 6:00am when normal people don’t get out of bed till 7:00am on a Sunday especially since it was cold and wet.

In any case our fearless leader pointed our crew in different directions to make Australia beautiful again.



Meg and Brian Johnson enjoying a hot coffee after some the dirty work



Bruce Carey looked a bit like a drowned rat when we caught up with him on the beach but then we realised that all farmers look that way in the rain.

The extra volunteers from Bribie Blue made life easy and it was just after 8:00am that we witnessed our members returning after what was a very successful clean up. A bit of water and some detoxifying liquid from Carole Winnett made sure that we were ready for the Bacon and Egg Rolls. Sorry Mike!! No eggs for you.

Breakfast was cooked to perfection by Fabi and Richard from the Kiosk and the hot cup of coffee finished the day off for all who participated.



FOUR FEARELESS FISHERMEN

When it comes to fishing, One name immediately jumps out at you. You will find Richard Caldararo out fishing regardless of the weather in fact, Richard loves it best when the water has a few waves on it. Big Reality Charters has also been mentioned in the last few years and Richard has enjoyed quite a few weeks out on the reef on board this boat.

Well the urge to go out on this boat was once again too great to resist so Richard and Ron Russell, who has also seen his share of trips on this Cat decide to head out to Swains Reef for another week of torture, but they decide to take along a couple of newbies.

Bruce Carey and Brett Waters are not newcomers to fishing but neither of them had ever sailed amongst the Great Barrier Reef and witnesses its sheer beauty.



It was the morning of 12 March 2021 when the Red and White Catamaran left Bundaberg and headed off to East Cay which is located on the eastern most side of Swains Reef. This place does not get many visitors and the fish are almost jumping into the boat as soon as they see a lure.....or so they have heard.

After travelling overnight over some pretty average swells, the boys arrived at East Cay so it wasn't long before everyone jumped into the tenders and made their way out to the reef.



Apparently there were plenty of fish out there but they didn't seem to be very hungry. Everyone had a great time but if they worked it all out. The fish they brought back would have cost them \$50:00 /Kg



East Cay

By Bruce Carey

*Three men in a tender set out to sea,
There was Ron, Bruce and Richard C,
We started out with a gentle breeze,
To catch a whopper way out here should be done with ease.*

*We cut the motor and drifted with the tide,
Hopefully the fish gods were looking down and were on my side.*

*The Garmin lit up with fish galore,
The fish were so thick that even I could score.*

*Richard and Ron were right on their mark,
And all I could catch was a bloody big shark,
Richard and Ron's skills showed through,
Maybe I should just copy and do what they do.*

*I looked and listened and worked it all out,
And blow me down I caught a monster trout,
The boys out fished me about twenty to one,
But they taught me a lot and we had heaps of fun.*



Owners of Browns Mitre 10 on Bribie Island, Michael and Samantha Brown have very kindly agreed to support us by donating a \$20 gift card each month to be used as a raffle prize at our monthly general meeting. In addition, they have offered a 5% discount on all fishing, marine and bait goods when members show their Bribie Is-

If members provide a Wilsons product number for the item they wish to purchase and it is not in store, Michael will order it for you. This is a great service. In addition, Michael has offered to provide better pricing for group buys or for certain high turnover items. Thank you, Browns Mitre 10 Bribie Island.



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