

# FISH 'N' TIPS



## Important Reminders

General Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm

Bjelke-Petersen Dam  
21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

BBQ  
Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Fishing Club Web Site  
[www.bribiersfishingclub.com](http://www.bribiersfishingclub.com)

**APRIL 2017**

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### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Bjelke-Petersen Dam 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

Monthly BBQ Sports Club 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 **3:00pm**

Maroochy River Bungalows 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## From the President's Desk...



Hello everyone. March and early April have certainly been very busy for Club events. All were enjoyable. I'll bet that the Solander Bowls Club has never rocked so hard on a Friday night coinciding with St Patricks Day. What a great turnout of our members. Our relatively new member Ian Stoddart demonstrated his warble of the voice box backed by the music man so we must keep his prowess in mind for the future. Once again, the BBQ for the end of March was a cracker and once again we were treated to the culinary delights dished up by the Richard C and John C Team. Weighmaster Peter McGruddy gave us not only the winners for the month, but also the stats behind them. Peter has offered to demonstrate at our meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>, the weigh-in database that he developed for us; I am looking forward to that. This will be an opportunity for you to offer suggestions for improvement or for the database to be able to provide other types of information or formats.

While the morning tea at the Kiosk last Sunday was in April, I will include it here. What a really enjoyable morning. For those who couldn't get there, John and Kate have returned to the business. Darryl and Kathy departed on the Thursday prior and John and Kate took over on the Friday. They did honour Darryl and Kathy's offer of donating half the cost of the coffee and added to that with donated lamingtons. Many thanks John and Kate and welcome back.

Early last week, I had the pleasure of meeting Frank and Sheila's very good friends John and Cindy Hodges. John and Cindy are Priceline Pharmacy here on Bribie. You may remember the beautiful Priceline basket hamper of products donated for our Trophy Night door prize in December. That was John and Cindy. Both are very keen fishers although from conversation, I think John may be more fanatic than Cindy. John and Cindy are keen to support us and so have donated a very professional and well stocked first aid kit for our meeting raffle – one for each of the next 4 meetings. Many thanks John and Cindy. Whoever wins these kits will be delighted. On these occasions, I will be encouraging the early winners in the raffle to take the fishing rod. We are very lucky here on the island to have such supportive and generous businesses. Please have a look at their details on the last pages of this newsletter and support them wherever and whenever you can.

The freshwater competition at Bjelke-Petersen Dam is on this month on the 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have 13 people participating. Here's hoping that Debbie did Bjelke well and put plenty of water in to make the fish hungry.

For those of you who celebrated birthdays and especially milestone ones such as 70 – congratulations and best wishes.

Well that is about all for now. I hope your target fish are big and hungry. For those whose health is not the best, I hope you get better soon.

Cheers

Ron

## Weighmaster's Report - March 2017



Thanks to the March weather being fairly kind and the fish being on the bite, we had a good number of fish entered in both the Inshore and the Offshore competitions.

Kerryn Cochrane scooped the ladies inshore prize with a mixed bag of Swallowtail Dart, Bream, Sole, Sweetlip and Trevally.

Pam Mcgruddy was the runner up with a solid Flathead.

Offshore Ladies Comp, only Sheila Oostenbroek ventured out and she took the prize with two good Snapper and two Sweetlip.

The Men's Inshore competition was hotly contested with 51 fish weighed in.

Trevor Bourke's Flathead 1.305kg and Richard Caldararo's Snapper 1.485 kg were worth a mention but Trevor Plant showed how it was done with 95 points leaving Mike Phillips with 32 points taking out the runner up prize. Amrat, Trevor, Keith and Richard C. were all very close.

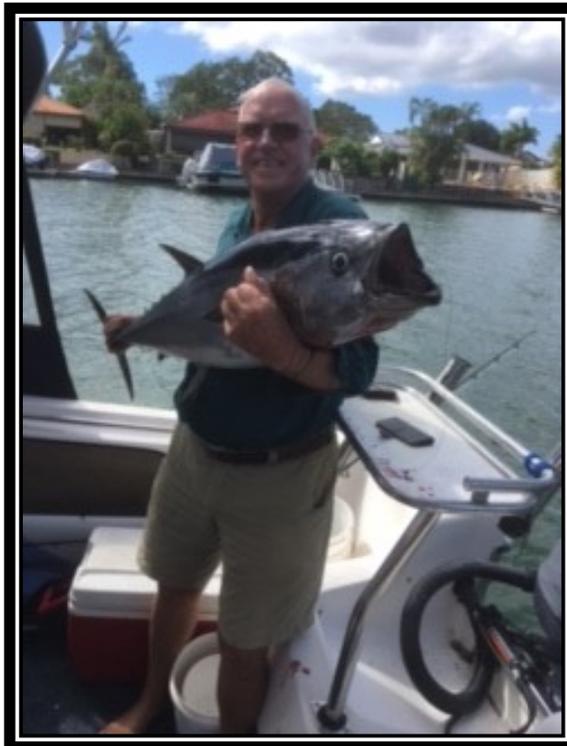
Offshore, the men hauled in some excellent catches.

Mike Phillips with a 6.3kg Snapper, Frank O with an 8.2 kg Mackerel Tuna, Richard Caldararo with a 1.77kg Venus Tusk Fish rate a mention.

Mike Phillips was the runner up with 80 points, but Frank O who must have been hampered by rough seas, managed only 279.8 points this month. Well done Frank!

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who weighed in fish. It makes the bragging rights more enjoyable for all. Stay safe over Easter and let's hope the wind drops down soon.

Cheers! **Peter McGruddy Weighmaster.**



*Peter caught this 20,7kg Long Tail Tuna with the help of his loving Wife Pam*

# BRIBIE ISLAND RSL SOCIAL FISHING CLUB

## CALENDAR 2017

### APRIL

2<sup>nd</sup> April

10<sup>th</sup> April

21<sup>st</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> April

26<sup>th</sup> Mar - 29<sup>th</sup> April

30<sup>th</sup> April

### MAY

8<sup>th</sup> May

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May

30<sup>th</sup> April - 27<sup>th</sup> May

28<sup>th</sup> May

### JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> June

12<sup>th</sup> June

14<sup>th</sup> June

18<sup>th</sup> June

28<sup>th</sup> May - 24<sup>th</sup> June

25<sup>th</sup> June

### JULY

10<sup>th</sup> July

15<sup>th</sup> July

25<sup>th</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> July

30<sup>th</sup> July

### AUGUST

14<sup>th</sup> August

11<sup>th</sup> Aug - 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

27<sup>th</sup> August

30<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Coffee at Spinnakers-Morning Tea**

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm

**Bjelke-Petersen Dam**

**Freshwater Comp**

Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

**BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club**

Weigh in- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm

**Maroochydore (weekend away)**

**Maroochy River Bungalows**

Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

**BBQ- 3:00pm. Sports Club**

Weigh in – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Thursday night raffles RSL Club**

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm

Somerset 1 Day Freshwater Comp

**Coffee at Spinnakers-Morning Tea**

Inshore Monthly Comp- **Bream**

Offshore Monthly Comp- **Pearl Perch**

**Bowls afternoon (Pizza) Sports Club**

Weigh in – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Thursday night raffles RSL Club**

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm\*

Black, White & Red Dinner Dance

Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

**BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club**

**SOUP DAY**

Weigh in – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Thursday night raffles RSL Club**

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm\*

Rainbow Beach (Beach Comp)

Outback Spectacular (**Competition presentation on the bus**)

Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

Weigh in – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm

### SEPTEMBER

11<sup>th</sup> September

17<sup>th</sup> September

27<sup>th</sup> Aug- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep

24<sup>th</sup> September

### OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> October

9<sup>th</sup> October

13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>

24<sup>th</sup> Sep -28<sup>th</sup> Oct

29<sup>th</sup> October

### NOVEMBER

13<sup>th</sup> November

15<sup>th</sup> November

29<sup>th</sup> Oct-18<sup>th</sup> Nov

25<sup>th</sup> November

### DECEMBER

9<sup>th</sup> December

11<sup>th</sup> December

19<sup>th</sup> Nov – 30<sup>st</sup> Dec

**Thursday night raffles RSL Club**

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm

Red Beach Whiting Comp

Inshore Monthly Comp - **Whiting**

Offshore Monthly Comp - **Snapper**

**BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**

Weigh in – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm

**Thursday night raffles RSL Club**

**Coffee at Spinnakers-Morning Tea**

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm

**Tweed Heads (weekend away)**

**Hacienda Holiday Park**

Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

**BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**

Weigh in – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Thursday night raffles RSL Club**

Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm

Somerset 1 Day Freshwater Comp

Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

(2 Weigh-ins only)

**Roast Pig at Mike and Marg's for BBQ**

Weigh in – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Thursday night raffles RSL Club**

**Trophy night**

**NO GENERAL MEETING**

Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps

(6 Weigh-ins)

Weigh in – Saturday 30<sup>st</sup> 6pm

**\*Members Meetings are held in the  
Anzac room of the RSL Club**

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

18<sup>th</sup> January

10<sup>th</sup> May

6<sup>th</sup> September

8<sup>th</sup> March

12<sup>th</sup> July

9<sup>th</sup> November

## Joke of the Month

### GRANDPA AND THE TAX OFFICE

The Tax Office decides to audit Grandpa, and summons him to their office. The auditor was not surprised when Grandpa showed up with his solicitor. The auditor said, 'Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no full-time employment, which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I'm not sure the tax office finds that believable.

'I'm a great gambler, and I can prove it,' says Grandpa. 'How about a demonstration?' The auditor thinks for a moment and said, 'Okay. Go ahead.' Grandpa says, 'I'll bet you a thousand dollars that I can bite my own eye.' The auditor thinks a moment and says, 'It's a bet.' Grandpa removes his glass eye and bites it. The auditor's jaw drops. Grandpa says, 'Now, I'll bet you two thousand dollars that I can bite my other eye.' Now the auditor can tell Grandpa isn't blind, so he takes the bet. Grandpa removes his dentures and bites his good eye.

The stunned auditor now realizes he has wagered and lost three grand, with Grandpa's solicitor as a witness. He starts to get nervous.

'Want to go double or nothing?' Grandpa asks. 'I'll bet you six thousand dollars that I can stand on one side of your desk, and pee into that wastebasket on the other side, and never get a drop anywhere in between.' The auditor, twice burned, is cautious now, but he looks carefully and decides there's no way this old guy could possibly manage that stunt, so he agrees again. Grandpa stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can't make the stream reach the wastebasket on the other side, so he pretty much urinates all over the auditor's desk. The auditor leaps with joy, realizing that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win. But Grandpa's own solicitor moans and puts his head in his hands. 'Are you okay?' the auditor asks. 'Not really,' says the solicitor. 'This morning, when Grandpa told me he'd been summoned for an audit, he bet me twenty-five thousand dollars that he could come in here and pee all over your desk and that you'd be happy about it!'  
Don't Mess with Old People!!

### *Did you know?*

All registered recreational boats over 5 meters in length must carry firefighting equipment that can extinguish a fire quickly and effectively.

1. Buy your extinguisher from an authorised dealer.
2. Check around neck or base of the extinguisher for the manufacturers date, e.g. 12/16
3. Extinguishers have a life span of 5 years; no service is required during that time for recreational boats.
4. Before the date expires, replace the extinguisher- they are around \$20, for a 1kg extinguisher.
5. A good practice is to turn the extinguisher upside down every 6-12 months - that will loosen the powder; you will feel the powder fall inside the extinguisher.
6. If you feel that a 1kg extinguisher is not big enough for your boat, seek advice from an authorised dealer who can work out the best type and size for your needs.



# FOR SALE

## **BOAT \$3,750**

This Horizon 3.9Meter Aluminium Tinny is fitted with a very reliable 18Hp Tohatsu two stroke motor and is registered until June 2017.

A near new high visibility Lowrance HDS sounder/GPS will allow you to easily find your fish and guide you back home even in the dark.

This great little runabout is an ideal and safe boat for the passage and has a host of extras including a swivel seat, canopy, 4 rod holders, anchor with bow spit, interior lights, 20 litre fuel tank, front splash covers, 12 Volt battery, 2 sets wheels and tyres and is fitted with handrails all around.

### ***WAIT --There's More!!***

Reliability is paramount, and when you need the Tohatsu motor, it will start first pull (98%) every time. The trailer is in very good condition and it is so light you don't even know you are towing it.

If you are in the market for a great little tinny with a reliable motor that runs like a dream and has a proven and amazing record of catching fish and crabs.....Look no further.....

**Contact Richard on 0409 011 940.**

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## ***Surf Rods \$20:00***

***If you are after a surf rod Tom Gordon has a range starting at \$20:00.***

***Call Tom on 3408 8867***

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## **Cruise Craft Rustler with 70 hp Yamaha \$7,000 Neg**

Cruise Craft Rustler with 70 hp Yamaha oil injected 2 stroke engine only 75 hrs. The motor is approximately 12 years old has the original manual. Boat was only used to go out the front of Bribie Passage.

The fibreglass, half cabin boat has two bunks, storage underneath, two swivel chairs, two moulded seats at the back , a 60 litre stainless steel fuel tank and a new battery bought 6 Jan 2017. The motor has just had an \$850:00 service because the owner was sick so the boat sat idle.

Other extras include a depth sounder, Navman, 27 MHz radio, electric bilge pump, battery isolator switch, 5 rod holders, canopy, safety gear - V sheet, oars & 1 life jacket only. The multi roller Redco trailer has an unused spare wheel, override disc brakes and electric winch, RWC and brand new lights. The Trailer has Electric winch which was hooked to a battery so no plug on the end.

What you see is what you get - a real bloke's boat that is solid and honest. The interior could do with some TLC but the 70hp Yamaha is a fabulous motor, starts beautifully.

Call Carl 0412 104 445



**Boat registered until May 2017, trailer registered until July 2017.**



## RAFFLE ROSTER 2017

*Thursday Evenings BIRSLFC Raffle Roster, 5pm start at the RSL*

The RSL weekly **Thursday & end of Month Sunday Raffles & the Monthly General Meeting** are the main fund raisers for our fishing club. All members are requested to attend & assist this raffle fund raising on their allocated month of duty. Attendance is considered part of the Active member criteria

***Please contact Keith Kable on 0419 644 709 if the month is not suitable***

JUNE 5 x Weeks	JULY 4 x Weeks	AUGUST 5 x Weeks	SEPTEMBER 4 x Weeks	OCTOBER 4 x Weeks	NOVEMBER 5 x Weeks	DECEMBER 4 x Weeks	JANUARY 4 x Weeks
Pete & Margaret Steptoe Gary & Ellanor Voss Elvin & Linda Lock Lily & Michael Omasta Peter Pilley Tom Affleck	Dianne & Geo Dragon John & Sandra Casey Les Hunt John & Jillian Davis	Ray & Dorothy Vassello Ron & Carole Winnett Tina & Richard Patterson Wally O Ken Soens	Tom & Julie Gordon Paul & Kathy Foote Peter & Pam McGruddy Max West Brian Stenning	Gary & Lyn Hunter Trevor & Robin Bourke Chris Roberts Merle Cherry	Richard & Diane Caldararo Amrat & Carmel Chauhan Kevin & Jan Amery Kim Wrattan	Mike & Margaret Phillips Trevor & Rosemary Plant Jim & Cheryl Kennedy	Ron Russell Margie Gadd Keith & Julie Kable Ian & Carmel Stoddart Loris & Ony Roubin

This is the Final Raffle Roster Please note that duties entail raffles for every Thursday night during the month, the end of month Sunday BBQ raffles & the 2nd Monday in the month General Meeting raffles

- 1) If you are unable to meet your commitment to the Roster please contact Keith Kable to let him know. However it is up to you to arrange a replacement for any of the nights you are unable to attend.
- 2) You need to be at the RSL at 5pm to set up in the Foyer & Sports Bar and to commence selling tickets.
- 3) Please wear your club shirts during your roster commitment as you are representing the Bribie Island RSL Social fishing club
- 4) The Raffle Notebook has instructions inside the front cover regarding procedures & there are experienced club members rostered on with you to assist in training
- 5) If you are new to the club or have any concerns whatsoever please talk to Keith Kable or Ron Russell
- 6) Raffles are an important club activity please ensure you sign the Raffle book when attending to duties on your rostered nights, days etc

***If your not on duty then why not just come on down & join the many club members for dinner and a Social chat, to support the club & the RSL who support us***

## ***An Interesting Day at Wivenhoe Dam***

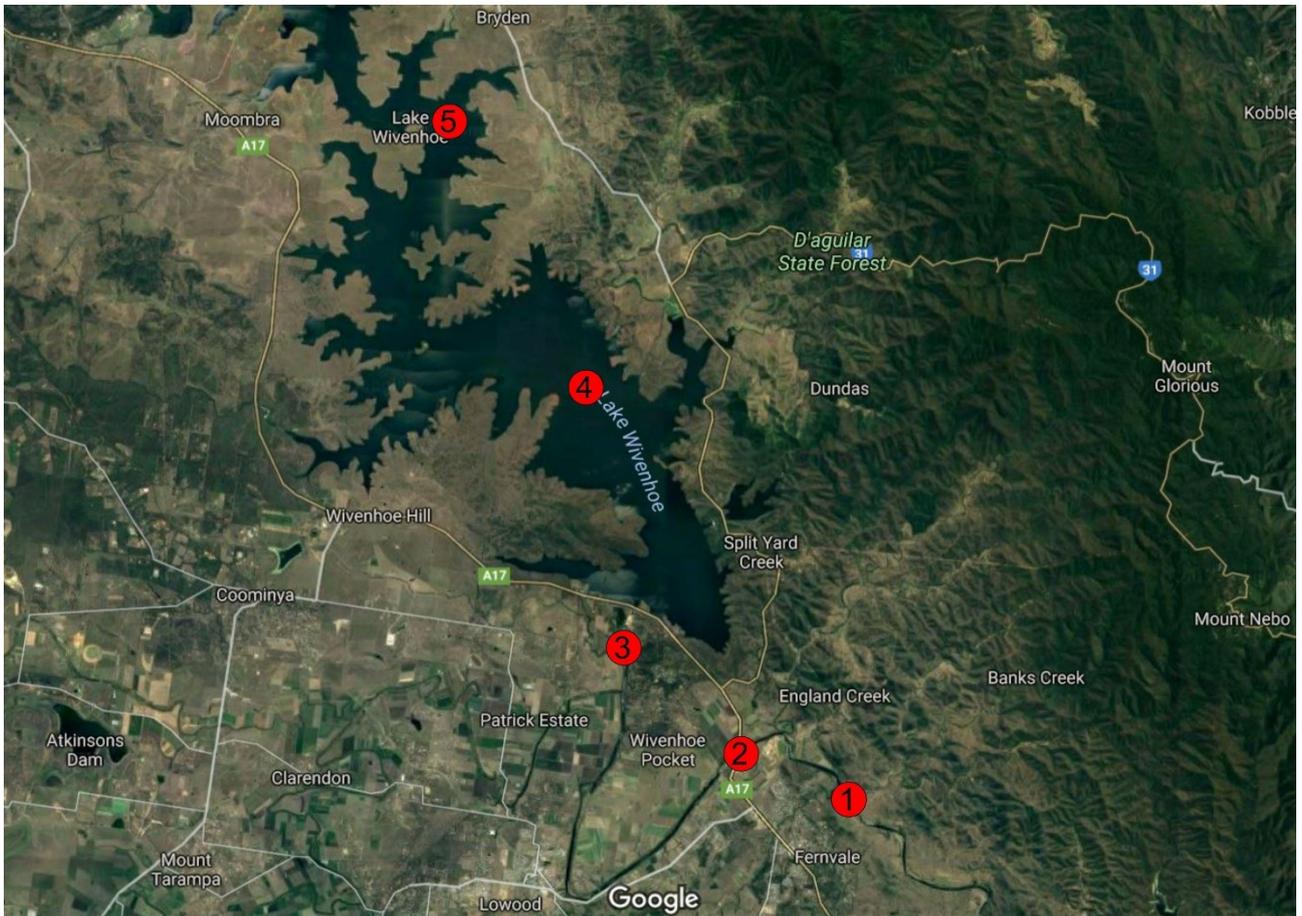
I recently drove out to Wivenhoe Dam and thought you may be interested to learn how things had changed over the past sixty years. The first time I visited Fernvale was back in 1958. We had only arrived in Australia a few months before but somehow Dad had managed to borrow an old Studebaker from his work.



Most of the road to Fernvale was dirt but the car seemed to handle it quite well. There were five bridges that crossed the Brisbane River near Fernvale. The first was at Savage's Crossing, the second at Twin Bridges just past Fernvale, the third was just this side of Wivenhoe Dam, the fourth was at Dundas but this one is now under water near Billies Bay and the fifth was just past Bryden called Macfarlanes Bridge and that too has disappeared underwater.

Our favourite picnic spot was just before the third bridge.

All the bridges were made from hardwood and they used to rattle as you drove across them. Four wheel drives were not around like they are today so you had to be very careful as you drove over the rounded river rocks to the edge of the river. The Brisbane River was always crystal clear with areas of smooth water as well as a number of fast flowing rapids.



***Locations of the bridges across the Brisbane River***

Life was pretty simple in those days so a chance to go swimming and fishing was all you could ever want. The main species of fish were Spangled Perch, fresh water catfish (jew), garfish and eels. We never knew about Australian Bass in those days although most of them would have been blocked from the upper reaches of the river by the Mount Crosby weir. We would spend hours digging worms from our garden in the hope of catching a few Spangled Perch for dinner. The pure white flesh was very sweet with no muddy taste at all and even though the biggest fish could attain a length of almost twenty-five centimeters, you only needed a few for a hearty meal.

A few years later Dad up graded his car to a near new Austin A40 which he bought for about one hundred pound (\$200). This was a power machine and could reach a top speed of 70 miles per hour or 110kph and could accelerate from 0-60mph in just 37.2 seconds with a fuel consumption of 37 miles per gallon or just over 7 litres/100kms. The extra speed and fantastic road holding ability meant that we could travel much further in one day.

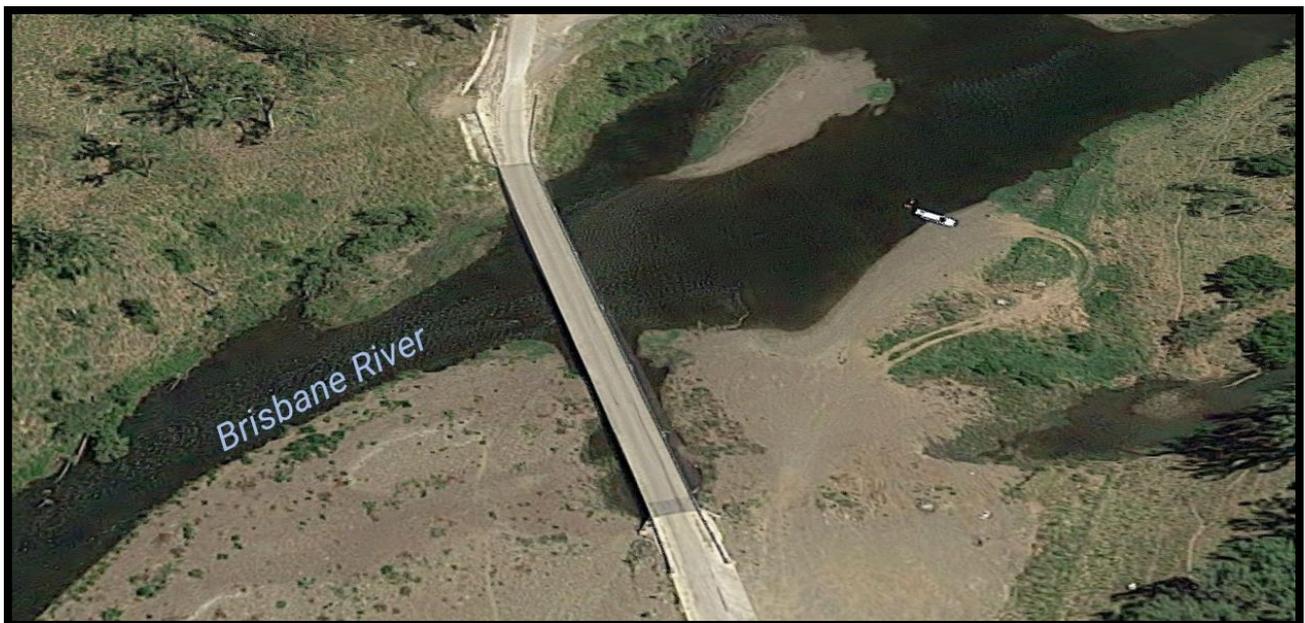


***The old Austin A40 beside the latest FC Holden around 1960***



As time went by the old cars were gradually updated with the more modern versions but we always kept coming back to the old fishing spots on the Brisbane River. My recent trip brought back some great memories and I realised that all of the old fishing spots have slowly disappeared.

I went onto google maps and traced out the old roads and figured out where the old bridges might be hiding and found a few hints as to their whereabouts. The first bridge at Savages Crossing is still there although the bridge has been upgraded.



*Savages Crossing still remains*

The only remnants I could see from the second bridge just north of Fernvale are the original supports and the original bridge has been overshadowed but the new one which towers well above the old one.



*Twin Bridges just north of Fernvale showing only the supports of the original bridge*

The old road is still visible but will soon be overgrown. I couldn't find any trace of the third bridge and the I can only guess that the location must have been somewhere just below the Wivenhoe Dam wall.

The Dundas bridge lies somewhere between McGrath's Bay and Billies Bay as shown below.



MacFarlane's Bridge is also underwater and is located somewhere between McGrath's Road at Moombra and MacFarlane Road at Bryden.



*MacFarlane Bridge in the 1960s*

So!! Apart from the nostalgic memories of yesteryear, why am I telling you all about this history?

Well at first, I was a bit saddened by all the changes that progress had made to all my old stomping ground and how I was disappointed that I could no longer visit the old places, but then I found out a bit of interesting information.

It appears that SEQ Water has opened Wivenhoe Dam up to powered watercraft. As long as you have a four-stroke motor and you keep your speed down to just 6 knots or 12Kph you can launch your boat and fish a thousand more places that you ever could before.

The dam is home to quite a variety of species of fish. Australian Bass, Yellow belly and offcourse Spangled Perch. We have all experienced the relentless winds that Cyclone Debbie has left behind but amazingly the wind was only blowing about five knots last week, so Wivenhoe Dam becomes another option if you **MUST** go fishing.



*There was only a slight breeze at Wivenhoe while it was blowing thirty knots at Bribie Island*



*A new Boat Ramp and Parking area at Billies Bay*

## **An Excerpt from SEQ Water**

*Boating is a very popular activity at Lake Wivenhoe. Non-motorised and restricted motorised water craft are permitted on the lake. Vessels must be low-emission outboards/engines. This limits motors to four strokes or direct fuel-injected two strokes. Vessels are not to exceed 6 knots. If your vessel is on the plane, you're going too fast!*

*For your safety and to protect the riparian areas around the lake, boats and vessels are only to be operated from designated launch points. Overnight stays on the water are not permitted. All activities on Seqwater lakes are covered by the Boating Regulations set by Maritime Safety Queensland ([msq.qld.gov.au](http://msq.qld.gov.au)).*

*Please keep a safe distance from swimmers and paddlers. Please be courteous to our neighbours. Much of the land surrounding the lake is private property. Do not launch, retrieve or beach on land around the lake, other than at signed, designated recreation areas.*

*A boating permit is required at Lake Wivenhoe until 1 August 2017. Yearly permits will be sold at a pro rata rate between 1 August 2016 and 31 July 2017, after which boating permits will no longer be required. Permits can be purchased from selected local outlets – a list is available on our website, along with more information about the discontinuation of the boating permit scheme.*

*Ramps and launch points Paddle craft can be launched from: • Hamon Cove • Logan's Inlet • O'Shea's Crossing • Branch Creek • Atkinson's Crossing via the Spillway Lookout (access to the Brisbane River below Lake Wivenhoe) • Billies Bay/Hays Landing.*

*Motorised boats must only be launched from the boat ramps at Hamon Cove, Billies Bay and Logan's Inlet. There are two stop off points for boats and paddlecraft. The stop off points are only accessible from the water. They are located at McKeys Hill, to the north-east of the lake, and McGraths Bay in the south-west. Each rest area has a picnic table, rubbish bin and toilet.*

*Shore line fishing is allowed at: • Branch Creek • Hamon Cove • Logan's Inlet • Cormorant Bay • Lake Wivenhoe Information Centre • Atkinson's Crossing via the Spillway Lookout • Billies Bay/Hays Landing. Fishing from vessels is also permitted on the lake. Please do not access private property around the lake to fish. The lake is home to an abundance of wildlife. Please ensure all rubbish, including fishing lines and hooks, are discarded appropriately in bins or taken with you for disposal. There have been numerous incidents where wildlife have ingested or become entangled in discarded fishing material.*

*A fishing permit is required at Lake Wivenhoe. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries controls the fishing rules and regulations in Queensland and administers the Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme (SIPS). Please visit [daf.qld.gov.au](http://daf.qld.gov.au) to purchase a SIPS permit or for a list of outlets that sell permits. These permits must be purchased before fishing on the lake.*

I also have another bit of information that may be of interest. On my way back home, I found a small stream that contained a school of approximately twenty Spangled Perch. The water was crystal clear, so I decided to try a number of lures to see how the fish would react.



*A crystal-clear stream with approximately twenty Spangled Perch*

The first lure I tried was a small metal vibe. As soon as I dropped it into the water the fish were all over it, but if I let it sit on the bottom they ignored it. I then lifted it again and the fish were immediately attracted to it again but none would swallow it.



*A small Vibe attracted the fish but none would bite*

The next lure was a small green plastic grub. Exactly the same thing happened, but they were not as keen to approach this lure as the vibe. I then tried another fluffy green plastic but again they only approached the lure when it was moved. Still no fish would attack the lure.

This is where it became interesting. I dug up a good-sized worm and placed it on a small circle hook which I cast a little upstream and just let it sit on the bottom. Slowly one or two smaller fish approached the worm and carefully nibbled at it but as soon as I moved the worm, it was immediately attacked by the whole school. Finally, I had caught my first fish.

I quickly tried to dig another work but all I could find were curl grubs so I gave that a go. If I let it sit on the bottom, the fish didn't seem interested at all but as soon as I moved it the fish devoured the grub.



*The first Spangled Perch caught on a bobbing curl grub*

So, what is interesting about that? Well in a few weeks some of us are going to Bjelke-Petersen Dam in search of some fresh water species. Fresh water fish can be a bit difficult at times and if you don't have any fresh shrimp, it can be nearly impossible so here is a little bit of information that may help you to catch that winning monster.

As a young boy, we used to cast a worm that was suspended under a float, into an eddie and we caught a lot of fish. After my experience with the Spangled Perch, I wondered if our success wasn't because the suspended worm kept moving in the eddie. The float was always far more successful than casting the worm and let it sit on the bottom. After testing this theory, the other day, I am convinced that bobbing a worm or suspending a worm under a float will bring you success.

Best of Luck.

## **New Beanie Lamp at Mitre 10**



I went to Mitre 10 this afternoon to pick up the gift card for our raffle on Monday night. What a great surprise to find, along with the gift card, a Beanie Lamp given to us by Michael and Samantha. See the photos.

Michael had told me last year that these were coming. What a great idea for the winter to keep us warm and seeing where we are going. We will be warm around the ears and we won't have to go to Specsavers. The light consists of 4 LEDs. The switch is in the middle and you can toggle between 3 light levels and off. The battery is rechargeable through a USB and the light is water resistant. I was going to model it but I didn't want to put you off your food.

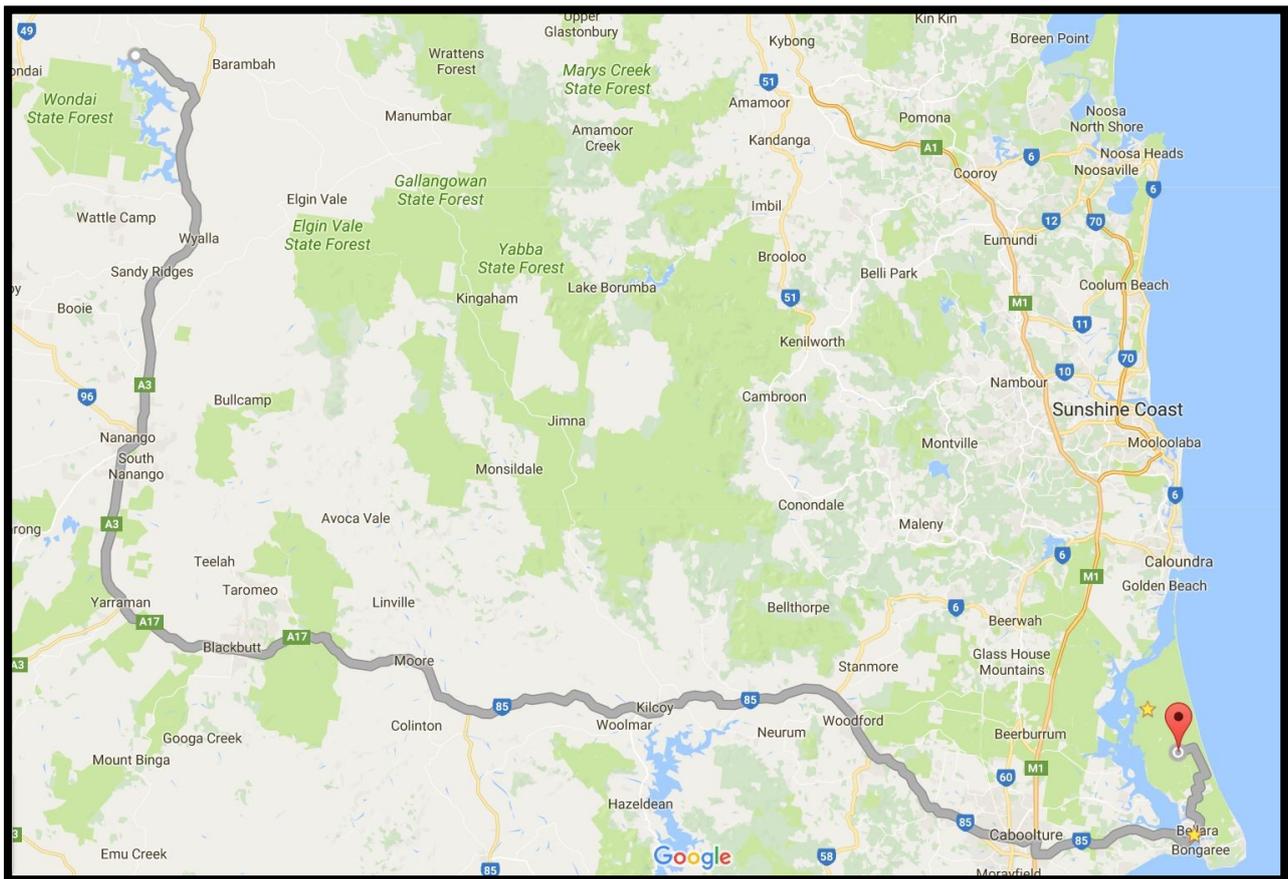
When you enter the front door of Mitre 10 look to the left at about 11 o'clock (this is military talk) and you will see them on the shelf. Very exciting. If you don't win the one given to us in the raffle on Monday night, dash over to Mitre 10. I don't think they will last long once the fishos on the island find out they are there.

Thank you, Michael and Samantha, at Mitre 10.

## **Bjelke-Petersen Dam**

There are approximately fifteen members going to Bjelke-Petersen Dam during the weekend 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. We always look forward to going away on our trips as all of them are as much a social event as they are a fishing event. We do have a few newcomers attending so I hope this will answer most of your questions.

We normally leave home about 9:00am and head out towards Kilcoy and continue on towards Kingaroy. This is also the shortest route to Yallakool (the name of the camp site)



There are a number of small towns on the way so you will have plenty of opportunities to stop for a cup of coffee and a scone. Blackbutt, Nanango and Yarraman are three of the larger townships.



*The coffee and service was good at Blackbutt*

You should arrive at Yallakool at around lunchtime, but before you sit down for a bite to eat, call in at reception and pick up your key. The staff will have your name and allocated cabin ready. You just need to fill in a short form with you details and they will show you where to go.

Each cabin will have a dedicated car park but it can be a bit tricky to figure out on which side you car park is.



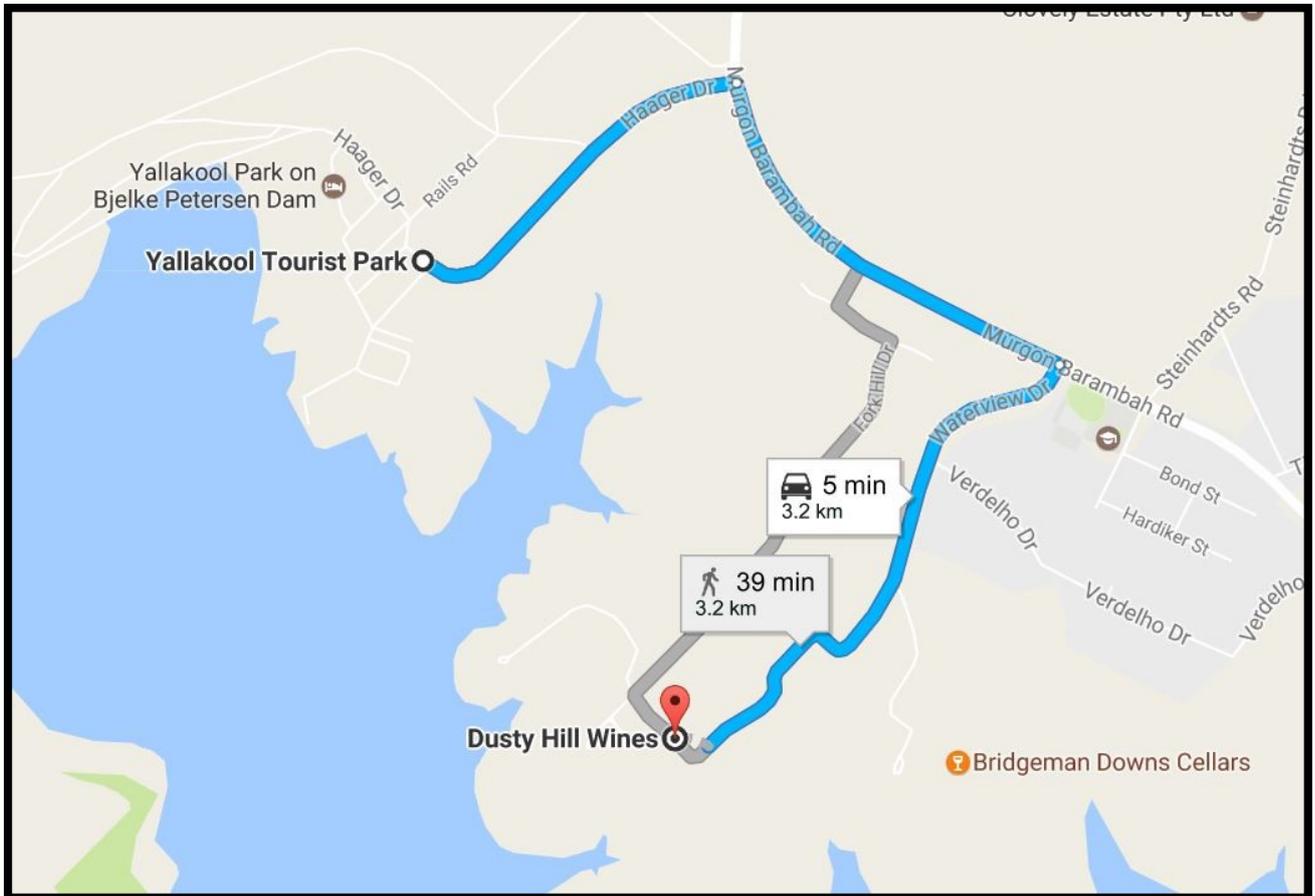
The cabins are a bit old but they are comfortable and clean. You will need to provide your own linen.

I hope you have also brought along an esky with a couple of stubbies and some wine but most importantly you will need to have included everything for lunch. There are plenty of plates and cutlery as well as an electric jug. The water can be a bit tainted so if you are able to bring along some town water your tea and coffee will taste a lot better. If you drink a lot of coffee and tea bring along your own as the rations are enough for about ten cups.

The afternoon can be spent relaxing or jump into your boat and have a look around. The dam water level was about 20% before Cyclone Debbie so I am not sure how much water has been added.

At around 4:00pm on Friday most of the members will come out of hiding and start looking for a place to congregate. Grab your chair and esky and head for the grassy area behind your cabin facing the dam. If you have been smart you will have brought along some cheese and crackers to nibble on while you are having your wine. It is also a good idea to collect some firewood for later in the evening.

If there is one thing I look forward to at Bjelke-Petersen Dam, it is dinner at the Irish Pub. The Dusty Hill restaurant has been booked for 18 people so all you have to do is find some transport or you can walk if you are fit enough.



**Dusty Hill Restaurant**

Be aware that there is at least one policeman within 100 square miles so make sure you don't drink too much. Stranger things have happened. You should arrive back at your cabin at about 9:30pm which is just in time for a little nightcap. I don't remember what happpppensafffturdat!!!

The next morning (Saturday I think) the fishing competition starts at 6:00am and continues until about 4:00pm but there is a lunch break in the middle sometime. Don't forget you will need to cater for your own lunch.

The number of boats are normally limited to just a few so just pull your car up the hill in case the tide comes in.



At about 4:00pm you will need to weigh your fish in and get yourself ready for the afternoon drinks followed by a BBQ dinner. The drinks are your responsibility but dinner will be provided by the club.

You will need to take your plates and cutlery up to the camp kitchen and remember to bring them back with you. Drinks will normally continue around the fire until late. The camp kitchen is approximately 100 meters away so it is much safer to walk.

If you would like an entre' before dinner you can always bring along your opera house traps as the Red claw can grow to quite an edible size.



*Red Claw can make a delicious entre'*

If you wake up on Sunday morning you can slowly make your way back home after another great weekend away.

## **A QUICK CHECKLIST**

Download your directions from Googlemaps

Download your SIP (Stocked Impoundment Permit( Fishing Licence)

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/dams/>

Items to take with you:

Linen

Coffee, tea, sugar Milk

Lunch requirements

Water

Cheese and crackers

Beer Wine Spirits

Fishing gear

Red claw traps and Rock Melons for bait

A torch or headlamp

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## **Fishing with a Broomstick**

It was so calm off Woorim that Pam came out with me in the “big” boat.

We left the canal about 7 am for a quiet morning’s fishing, and dropped anchor just off Woorim.

After throwing back a dozen or so undersize snapper and Sweetlip, I hooked a small school mackerel but lost it as I was lifting it into the boat. Knowing that there was a possibility of catching a bigger one, I rigged up my 90-pound braid line with a 40-kg wire trace and a single 5/O hook.

I pulled in a small whip tail and put it on the heavy line as a “livey”.

Pam had noticed something in the burley trail, was causing a flurry of small bait fish to leap out of the water about twenty metres from the boat, so I flung the “livey” in that direction.

The instant the bait hit the water all hell broke loose. There was an almighty splash and a huge swirl of water. My heavy-duty Fin-Nor reel with 500 meters of 90-pound braid screamed off at very high speed. I hung on for grim death and waited for the fish to pause. It didn’t.

I watched in despair as my reel emptied and realised that I had to turn the fish. I tightened up the drag as much as I dared and hung on. Eventually it stopped about 400 meters out and we began a wrestling match in which I gained a little and lost more than I gained as I pumped the rod.

With arms burning I had a moment of exhilaration as I gained a couple of metres, only to have him take yet another run. The fish was so heavy I thought I must have a shark. The battle ensued with neither giving quarter but eventually I brought him up to the boat and was greatly relieved to see a glimpse of silver colour.

The last few metres he came quietly as he was too exhausted to resist the gaff. We bled him and put in in the kill tank in an ice slurry, then headed for home.

My Northern Blue Fin or Long- tail Tuna weighed 20.7 kilos after being bled. The club record is just over 22 kg. Not bad for 500 metres offshore. Last year it would have qualified for the inshore record. Them’s the breaks.



*20.7kg of sheer muscle and that's only the Northern Bluefin Tuna*

### **Loris's First Snapper on Soft Plastic**

Loris and Ony Ruben are fairly new to the club but one thing is for sure; Loris is keen to fish.

It was only last week that Loris asked me to teach him a little bit about fishing with soft plastics so we grabbed our little rods and headed out to Moreton Bay.

I am not sure what grabbed his lure but Loris was almost pulled over the side and I am sure that the fish is still swimming towards New Zealand. The second attempt was a lot more successful. Loris's rod buckled over and the line started leaving his reel in a hurry. A short while later Loris had caught his first snapper on a soft plastic.



**Some of the latest Fishing Photos**



***Ron and his mate Stewie catching flathead at a very calm Cook's Rocks***



***Frank and Tammy with two of the many Mackerel Tuna that are out in the bay at the moment***



*The boys showing off their new hats*



*Another great turnout for the BBQ*

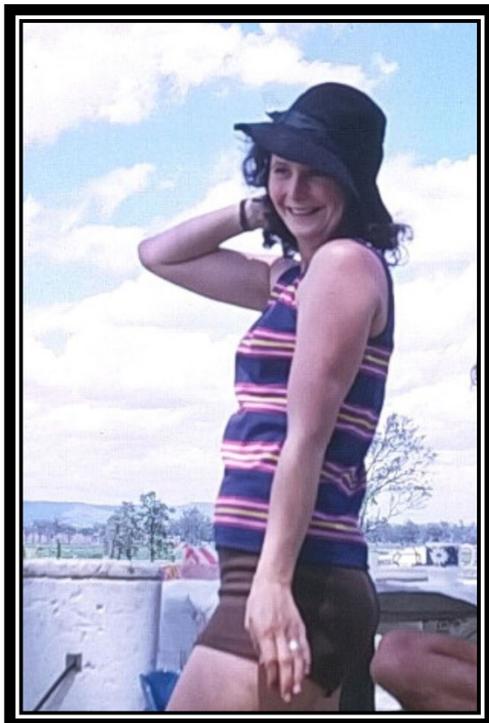


*Caldofish showing off his filleting techniques*



*Pumpkin Pie Anyone?*

*Do you recognise these people?*



# *Those who Support Our Club*

*The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to the fisher men 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 fisherpeople.*



*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 \$20 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.*

*There are also occasions where we have the ability to raffle other prizes that have been kindly donated by our local businesses. The prizes that have been donated are actually great prizes that provide a real benefit to the people lucky enough to win them.*



*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 Island RSL Fishing Club*

*member identification at time of purchase. Browns Mitre 10 is a Wilsons fishing tackle distributor. 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.*

# **OUTBACK ADVENTURES**

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*We have some fantastic support in our community and we really appreciate all the help that our local businesses have provided but there is one company who just keeps on giving. Danny Payne, who owns Outback Adventures in Morayfield, has provided us with countless gifts over the last few years and continues to offer on-going*

*support on a daily basis by providing our members a discount on all fishing gear. We really do appreciate the friendly service that Danny, Ken and all staff give us. Many thanks Outback Adventures.*



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*Eyewear Plus has donated a fantastic pair of quality polaroid sunglasses that any fisherperson would have loved to own. They have also provided us with a couple of lens cleaning spray bottles and appropriate cloths.*



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*Steve Kelly from Mr Minute is a very keen fisherman who has supported the club for a number of years. Steve has generously donated numerous prizes including Leatherman tools and a number of Led Lenser LED flashlights/torches. Led Lenser is well known as one of the best names in quality LED torches and they also command a high price. Thank you Steve.*

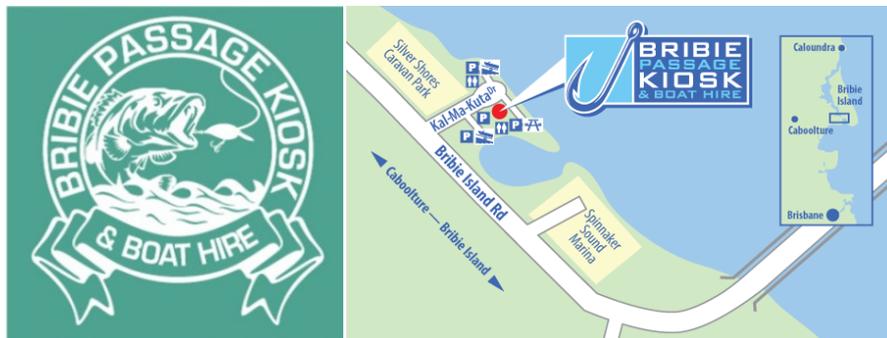


*A number of discount vouchers have been donated by MODE Hairdressing for the last few years. It is nice to have a prize that can be utilised by the ladies.*



*Pacific Harbour Golf Club has donated quite a few gift vouchers for 18 holes of golf with a buggy for the last few years and have supported our club again for 2017. These prizes are greatly appreciated and are highly valued by the players.*

**BRIBIE PASSAGE KIOSK & BOAT HIRE**



*Kate and John McAuliffe have been sponsors of our club for many years and have donated many great prizes for our fishing competitions. Kate and John's support is ongoing and provide a valuable resource as our primary weigh in station.*

**BBQ Boat Hire Bribie Island**



*Ian and Bronwyn recently donated a voucher for an 8 person BBQ boat for a day as a prize for our raffle. Margie Gadd won it. Last year they did a similar thing and Tim Holt won it at the Trophy Presentation night. Many thanks BBQ Boat Hire. They are located at the Pacific Harbour Marina. Please consider them for your BBQ boat hire needs.*

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***Hypnotic Fashion has been supporting our club for a few years now, so if you are after ladies' fashion for all ages please drop by. After ten years of being located in the Bribie Island Shopping Centre, Hypnotic Fashion decided to relocate to bigger premises on Benabrow Avenue. The new premises have been totally renovated and they have sourced out the latest fashion and accessories at great prices so have a look at the new look HYPNOTIC FASHION BOUTIQUE.***



**Priceline Pharmacy Bribie Island**

***The Priceline pharmacy has been part of the Bribie Island community for many years but did you know that the proprietors John and Cindy are also very keen on fishing. You won't see them out in the store but you can be sure that they will be looking after your needs behind the office door. Your Priceline pharmacist is there to assist you by giving you advice and talking through your health concerns. From our friendly staff to our trained cosmeticians, we aim to give you the best advice and recommendations, great prices and the latest products.***



***Renee Monck has kindly offered to donate a thirty-dollar meal voucher to the Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club on a monthly basis. If you would like to experience one of the best meals on Bribie Island, Call Eats Bistro on (07)3408 7021 to book your table. Eats Bistro is located in***

***the Solander Lake Bowls Club, 70 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach.***

***We thank you all for your ongoing support.***