



From the President's Desk... Presidents report for August 2018

I hope that all of those of you who attended the Christmas in July social function at the Golf Club had as good a time as Margaret and I. The food was good and there was plenty of it. We had some fun games including impromptu karaoke and my thanks to Frank for organising the music.

Due to the requirements of the RSL we have had to change the date of our Presentation night to Friday 7 December, instead of the Saturday night so please put that date in your diaries. Fortunately, the duo that we booked to entertain us are still available for the Friday evening.

I am sure that you have all seen the magnificent photograph of the whale breaching that was taken by Phil Enright. Talk about being in the right place at the right time. The photo featured on the front page of the Bribie Weekly, was then on page 3 of the Courier Mail and Phil was also contacted by Channel 7. Well done Phil.

The raffles at the RSL club are going along OK but takings are a bit down which is probably due to less patronage of the club whilst the refurbishment is taking place. It would be good to see more members supporting the raffles on a Thursday night. It is a great social outing and you might get to learn where some of the fishermen are getting good catches. A few years ago, it was nothing to have 30-40 club members sporting their blue shirts on a Thursday night and it would be good to see that again. For newer members it is a great way of getting to know some of the older hands.

I believe the steak night offering in the restaurant has been improved with a 300-gram rib fillet for \$19.95 and in the Barcode cafe you can get a choice of 10 meals for \$10 each on a Thursday so as well as a great social night you can have a well-priced meal too.

We went away for a few days in July up to Rainbow Beach and stayed at Carlo Point Campground. The club had a couple of weekends away there about 5-6 years ago. How it has changed since then. There are now 25 cabins with plans to add another 20 in the next 12 months as well as install a new pool. The boat ramp is only 100 metres from the campground and perhaps it is a place we should reconsider as an alternative weekend away to the Tweed weekend.

Talking of the Tweed weekend that is rapidly approaching and if you are prepared to share a 2-bedroom cabin with another couple then please advise me as soon as possible so we can allocate those prime waterfront cabins. We already have 2 couples sharing one of them and there are another 3. One has a queen and a double the other 2 have a queen and 2 singles. First come is first served.

The cabins at Maroochy have been booked for the weekend of 17-19 May 2019 and the deposit paid. Please put those dates in your diaries if you are considering going.

The September meeting will be run by Frank, Alan and Loris as Keith, Trevor and I are away fishing.

Happy birthday to all those who are growing another year wiser in August.

Tight Lines

Mike

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL SOCIAL FISHING CLUB
CALENDAR 2018

AUGUST

13th August
29th July – 25th Aug
26th August

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club
Weigh in – Saturday 25th 6pm

SEPTEMBER

10th September
16th September
26th Aug_ 29th Sep
30th September

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm
Woorim Whiting Comp
Inshore Monthly Comp - **Whiting**
Offshore Monthly Comp - **Snapper**
BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club
Weigh in – Saturday 29th 6pm

OCTOBER

8th October
12th - 14th
30th Sep - 26th Oct
27th October

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm
Tweed Heads (weekend away)
Hacienda Holiday Park
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
(Mystery Fish Competition)
PIG on Spit TOC-H
Weigh in – Saturday 26th 6pm

NOVEMBER

12th November
14th November
26th Oct_ 17th Nov

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm
Somerset 1 Day Freshwater Comp
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
(2 Weigh-ins only)

25th November

BBQ at Sports Club
Weigh in – Saturday 17th 6pm

DECEMBER

7th December
10th December
18th Nov – 29th Dec

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Trophy night
NO GENERAL MEETING
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
(6 Weigh-ins)
Weigh in – Saturday 30th 6pm

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5th September	10 October
7th November	30th November

The Fanatical Few



Most of us would love to stay in our warm beds now that winter has finally arrived, but there are some who love getting up before dawn to try their luck on the ocean. In blustery, wet conditions, and temperatures dropping below 10 degrees, you have to wonder about their mental state, as the fanatical few head out in search of that big one.

You can only imagine what it would be like heading north around Skirmish Point in an open tinny, in the dark as the rain is pouring down on you in the middle of winter. No cabin or windscreen to protect you from the freezing temperatures, just a rain coat. You can hear them laughing at themselves saying how stupid they must be as the waves crash over the front of the boat, just to make sure that every dry patch is totally soaked as they continue north for another hour, hoping that the rain might stop when they get to their favourite fishing spot.

Finally, they arrive. Cold, wet, but full of confidence. One of them starts to make a hot cup of coffee but his hands are so cold that he can't even hold the teaspoon. Eventually the rain stops, and the sun warms their frozen bodies. They try to stand but the waves are still pounding the side of the boat, so it is impossible to stay upright. Braced against the gunwales they wait for hours hoping for a little twitch on their line.

It is now in the middle of the afternoon and our fearless fishers have moved four or five times because that favourite fishing spot hasn't provided any fish for some reason. Oh, that isn't quite true because there are always plenty of reasons. They didn't go out early enough, the tide wasn't right, the water temperature wasn't cold enough or maybe they should have fished in deeper water.

Finally, after waiting for five hours one of our fishers feels a small nibble. Suddenly a fish takes the bait and almost rips the rod out of the hands. This is when the stress takes over. The rod is bent hard over, and the line is screaming off the reel. Not game to increase the amount of tension on the drag system, our fearless fisher starts to reel in this monster. The stress levels will now reach an all time high as the fish tries everything in its power to break the line.

With the fish thumping on the end of the line, doubt starts to creep in. What if the line is not strong enough? Is the drag too tight? Have I tied the knots correctly? Will a shark eat my fish before I can bring it to the surface?

Minutes pass but it feels like an hour when a five-kilogram fish breaks the surface. Don't use the gaff, grab the net. **DON'T LOSE IT NOW!!!!**

Hoorah!!! High five all around and now you hear them say "Well, it was all worth it"



Keith Kable caught this 5.2kg Snapper at Caloundra Twelve Mile



Amrat Chauhan caught this 6.45kg Snapper in the Shipping Channel



Sheila Oostenbroek caught this 4.078kg Snapper at Shallow Tempest



Mike Phillips caught this Mackerel Tuna in the shipping channel

Working Hard in Perfect Weather

Winter is certainly a time to rug up and keep warm but on the very odd occasion we can be blessed with a perfect day. This was one of those days.

Six o'clock in the morning as the warming rays of the sun sparkles on the water. Three of our members have headed north to Caloundra twelve-mile in search of snapper. The tachometer is sitting around the 4,200 rpm and the speedo is indicating 50kph as their boat glides smoothly over the glassy water.

It takes just on an hour to reach the fishing spot and although you can feel the cold it doesn't take long to warm up once you have stopped. Phil Enright and Amrat Chauhan were eager to catch a fish so it didn't take them long to cast a pilchard into the crystal-clear water.

It didn't take long for the first few fish to come into the boat, but they were all too small. The sounder was showing a lot of bait with bigger fish mixed in, but it seemed that the bigger ones were not interested in what we had to offer.

A variety of baits and soft plastics were used as we moved from spot to spot in search of fish. Eventually we moved about twenty kilometers east to Wide Caloundra where Phil pulled in a nice Pearl Perch weighing just over 1 kg. There was no wind, so we drifted very slowly over the bottom 67 meters below. We can only guess that the ocean floor consisted of gravel and wire weed as we did pull up traces of wire weed.

This type of country usually proves quite fruitful and it wasn't long before Amrat and Phil were pulling up a mixture of Pearl Perch and Venus Tusk Fish. There were no signs of snapper until late in the afternoon when fish weighing up to 2.5 kg started coming on board.

Sadly, Phil missed quite a few big fish because he had caught so many smaller fish that his hook had become blunt. A quick replacement with a brand-new circle hook and Phil was ready for that big one. It now seemed that all the big ones were gone but Phil did manage to add quite a few specimens to the esky.

It was about three o'clock in the afternoon while we were quietly going on about our business when we saw two whales break the surface next to one of the other boats. We could easily hear the shrieks of excitement from the other fishermen over the smooth water and as we looked across we noticed that the whales were heading our way.

The whales were only about a hundred meters away when they dived into the depths, so Phil and I grabbed our phones ready for the photo opportunity. Everything was quiet when suddenly one of these massive creatures rose out of the water just meters from us. It was a spectacular site and Phil managed to snap two great photos while all I got was a massive splash as he fell back into the water.

We were ready for the second whale and hoped that it wouldn't crash into the boat, but it never showed so we continued to fish for another hour. Everything went quiet, so we changed our fishing rig to a much lighter one which consisted of a small ball sinker freely running on top of a 5/0 circle hook. I cast the whole pilchard forward in the direction of our drift to allow the small sinker to reach the bottom.

On at least five occasions the bait was smashed by fish well before the bait reached the bottom and each fish was well over the kilo mark.

Our trip ended as the sun was slowly setting over the glassy ocean.



This whale rose up just meters from our boat



A massive splash as the whale re-enters the water



A glorious sunset as we headed home



The Results for our efforts



THE GIANT THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY

FISHING off Caloundra in his mate's 6m tinny, Phil Enright got the shot - and shock - of his life when a humpback whale launched itself into the air just metres from the boat.

The retired farmer (right) captured two photos of the whales'

spectacular breach on his iPhone. The shock was just how close the whale came to the boat from which he and two mates, Franko and Amrat, were fishing. "It was close enough to give the boat a good rocking about," he said. "It was a bit scary be-

cause we're about 2 tonnes and he was 40-50 tonnes." Mr. Enright said the whale was heading in their direction so he had his iPhone ready hoping to catch some sort of photo, but never expected the big leap right in front of him.



This article has been seen in a number of newspapers around Bribie Island, Brisbane and New Zealand. The story even made it to the Channel Seven News.

Parrot Fish and Venus Tusk Fish

Can You Tell the Difference

These two species of Coral reef fin fish look very similar in shape and colour and they're often misidentified. But there's an easy way to tell them apart – just look at their mouth.

Tuskfish have teeth while parrotfish have a type of beak almost like a bird, as the diagram shows.



Parrot Fish

What goes in must come out in some form, and with parrotfish, what comes out is sand.

As the name might suggest, these tropical fish, with their big beaks and bright colours, look like their land-based counterparts. Parrotfish live in coral reefs and spend their days chomping down on coral. Hard coral is no match for the large beak of the parrotfish, which researchers have recently found is formed by some of the strongest teeth in the world.

Parrotfish chew on coral all day, eating not only the hard calcium carbonate skeleton, but the soft-bodied organisms (called polyps) that cover the skeleton and the algae that live inside them and provide the coral with energy, as well as bacteria living inside the coral skeleton.



When parrotfish poop out the coral they eat, the soft tissues are absorbed and what remains comes out as sand—a lot of sand. In a year, one large parrotfish can produce 1,000 pounds (450 kg) of sand, the weight of a baby grand piano.

Parrotfish evolved from the carnivorous wrasse family, but through the course of time, their teeth have moved forward on the jawbone and reduced in size. Eventually, the teeth fused together, creating a very useful tool for scratching algae off the surface of the coral. Usually they will scratch a thin layer of limestone off the coral along with the algae, and this helps with the breakdown of the cellulose. Often parrotfish will be seen passing the broken-down sand as a fine stream of sediments, and some scientists have calculated that up to 30% of the coral sand you see at the reef is in fact old parrotfish poo.

Venus Tusk Fish

Residing hard on the bottom of most offshore reefs is the venus tusk fish. Eating wise, they don't come much better than the tasty white flesh of this species. The venus tusk fish is commonly caught as by catch when targeting snapper.

Tusk fish tend to reside in waters from 25-75m deep and anything in between. It doesn't take much structure on the ocean floor to hold a few tuskies as they spend a lot of their time on the move eating crustaceans, rubble and shale on the bottom. If you do get one in the boat, they'll happily cough up most of that all over the sides of your boat as well. The paternoster rig is a successful way to target these fish. Use one or two separate single hooks, around the 3/0 size, and a lead sinker that is going to anchor your baits very close to the bottom.

Hook size is important when chasing tusk fish as they have quite small mouths. Octopus circle hooks are very successful as they allow the fish to hook themselves and don't require the angler to strike. Flesh baits are best; mullet, trevally, tuna or anything fresh that you can get your hands on. The key is keeping your bait on the hook as soft baits like pilchards will normally tear away from the hook after minimal attention from a hungry tusk fish



Christmas in July



Our President Mike Phillips



Tammy and Loris



Bob and Sue



Dorothy and Jillian



Valentina and Margaret



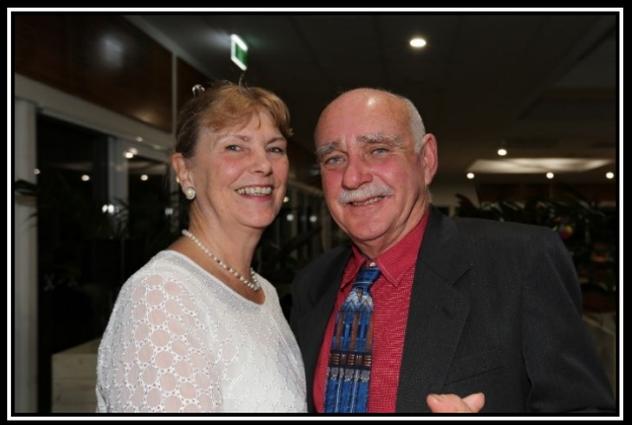
Amrat and Keith



John and James



Lilly and Michael



Rosemary and Trevor



Allison and Phil



Dorothy and Ray



Rosemary and Sheila



Mike and Margaret



Carmel and Amrat



Mike Richard and Frank



Tina and Merle



Alan and Frank



Ony



Loris

and



Keith and Amrat



Merle



Ony and The YMCA Club

Sandy Turns Seventy



There comes a time when some of us reach the ripe old age of seventy. It seems like only a few years ago that many of us fell off the perch at sixty so a few of Sandy's friends gathered together at the Sofitel in Brisbane to celebrate her special occasion.



The Girls organised to travel to Caboolture Railway Station by bus and then by train directly to the Sofitel where they enjoyed a sumptuous meal followed by a massive selection of healthy non-fattening desserts.

Sandy has been a very active member of the Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club for many years and has done a great job looking after our merchandising department for the past three or four years.

Happy Birthday Sandy

Joke of the Month

A man goes to the shrink and says, “Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening she goes to Larry’s Bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anyone who asks her! I’m going crazy. What do you think I should do?” “Relax” says the Doctor, “take a deep breath and calm down. Now, tell me, where exactly is Larry’s Bar?”



During training exercises, the Sergeant, who was driving down a muddy back road, encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced Squadron Leader at the wheel. “Your jeep stuck, Sir?” asked the Sergeant as he pulled alongside. “Certainly not,” replied the Squadron Leader, coming over and handing him the keys.....”Yours is”



A man goes to see the Rabbi. “Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it.” The Rabbi asked, “What’s wrong?” The man replied, “My wife is poisoning me.” The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, “How can that be?” The man then pleads, “I’m telling you I’m certain she’s poisoning me, what should I do?” The Rabbi then offers, “Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I’ll see what I can find out and I’ll let you know.”

A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, “Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?” The man said yes, and the Rabbi replied, “take the poison!”



Did you know:

The minimum required lights for power boats underway between sunset and sunrise:

- *Less than 7 metres in length with a maximum speed not exceeding 7 knots – a white light visible all round and, if possible, separate or combined red and green sidelights.*
- *Less than 12 metres in length – separate or combined sidelights, a masthead light and a stern light – or – separate or combined sidelights and an all-round white light.*

This information is contained in the Queensland Recreational Boating and Fishing Guide pages 35 and especially 36.

- ***A classy fish is called – sophishticated.***

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 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 \$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.



Bribie Island Shopping Centre
 Kiosk 1,54 Hornsby Road BELLARA
 07 3408 2004

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.

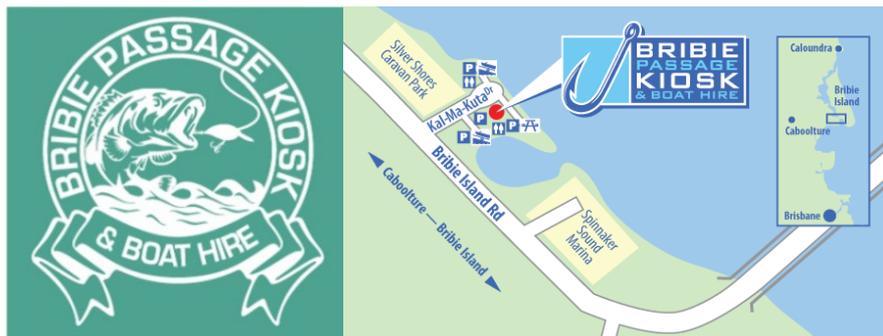


A number of discount vouchers have been donated by MODE Hairdressing for the last few years. It is nice to have a prize that can be utilised by the ladies.



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.

EATS *Bistro*

by D&R catering

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.



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.



Rodney Fleming, owner of The Coffee Club, is very supportive of our club and has donated vouchers for our use in our raffles. Most recently he gave generously for our Trophy Night. The Coffee Club not only has really beaut coffee, but also cakes and tantalizing tarts and tasty and delicious meals. Breakfast at The Coffee Club on Sunday mornings with the eggs in the way you like them, bacon and smashed avocado is an experience you must have. You know the line – “Where will I meet you?”



For several years, the Club has been purchasing seafood vouchers from Spinnaker Seafood Market for our Thursday night raffles at the RSL. Now, we receive a discount on the cost of the vouchers which is a big help to our fundraising effort – many thanks Spinnaker Seafood Market. The restaurant is on the corner of Bribie Island Road and Spinnaker Drive at Sandstone Point. There is plenty of parking; they are licenced; they are right beside the marina and the fish and chips are to die for. Try the grilled cod and mild curry sauce – your taste buds will rattle.

We thank you all for your ongoing support.