

FISH 'N' TIPS

December 2021

**A New Species
for Steve**





**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

December 2021

Our last barbecue was also a busy one, with over 60 members and guests. Thank you to the caterers' cooks, helpers and all involved on the day.

In case we don't see you over the festive season, Julie, my family, and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year and a safe and well return in 2022.

Keith Kable

President

Hello everyone and good tidings,

The end of the year is nigh and so be it.

This will be my last report for 2021, so I won't bore you with all that's happened throughout this year, as Trophy Night is close, and I will speak then and reflect on the past year as well as what's in store for next year.

I would like to apologise on behalf of our committee, to any member who cannot attend the Trophy Night due to it coinciding with the Boat Parade and lights in Pacific harbour. This date was chosen in October in the previous year, in order to book and confirm the dates for the auditorium and meeting rooms. The dates were obviously chosen well before Pacific Harbour decided on the date for their boat parade, so it was unfortunate that the dates clashed.

I would also like to thank those members who have chosen **not to renew** their membership, for their input and valued support throughout their time in our club. I hope you enjoy any new adventures you may find on the island and hope to see you again.

Our last trip away to Somerset Dam was once again a great success, even though the weather was ordinary. Those results will come out with the Weigh-master's report and on the trophy night.

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

Monthly Comp November 2021

Total No of fish 78 Inshore 76 offshore 2

This is the completion of the year competitions. We seem to be having less people fishing with more people joining our club. I hope to see more people fishing next year.

Ladies Inshore

Winner	Name	Points	No Fish
1	Blythe Rosemary	37	4
2	Johnson Meg	26	3

Well, done to Rosemary with a good catch.

Men's Inshore

Winner	Name	Points	No Fish
1	Winnett Ron	109	17
2	Carey Bruce	91	16
3	Plant Trevor	68	20
4	Casey John	37	13
5	Phillips Michael	10	3

Trevor Plant's winning streak (7 months in a row) has come to an end. With each win Trevor accrued more and more Handicap points until his 35 point handicap allowed Ron to finally record a win.

Men's Offshore

Winner	Name	Points	No of Fish
1	Roubin Loris	26	2

Lucky Draw

Name
Phillips Michael
Casey John

Somerset Dam Fishing Competition

17th-18th November 2021



All the weather predictions stated that it would be cold wet and windy for the two days of competition, but it wasn't going to stop the twenty three members of the Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club from enjoying what was to be an exciting time on the water. Now, I know that there are those who do not enjoy the same thrill of being on the glassy waters of Lake Somerset, but that may be because you have never experienced the peace and tranquillity that this venue offers.

Some of the more enthusiastic members of the club decided to leave early and booked what can only be described as very comfortable two and three bedroom cabins, which offer a glorious view of the water. If you happen to be up early enough you could even enjoy a beautiful sunrise with a hot cup of coffee as you sit quietly on the wide verandas.



Although there were some that had the opportunity to find the best fishing spots in the previous days, there were others that didn't arrive until the Tuesday morning; the day before the big competition. The competition had been planned to start at six o'clock on Wednesday morning so by arriving one day early, the competitors would be able to set their shrimp traps with plenty of time to spare. There were a couple of members who chose to save a little money by choosing to stay in "Glamping Tents". I chose the words "Glamping Tents" because that is all that was provided. No pots or pans, no stove or oven, no plates, bowls, knives, forks, spoons, no running water, no microwave and not even a bedpan to use instead of clambering over three hundred meters of stones underfoot. Just as well there were plenty of trees, although the super bright moon made you look around twice before relieving your inner tensions.

Having said all that, the beds were very comfortable. The next door neighbours even provided you with some pretty heavy entertainment. This young couple in their thirties must have been lifting some pretty heavy weights for exercise, because there was quite a bit of grunting and groaning followed by quite a bit of moaning. Their exercise regime only lasted for about twenty minutes before we could all finally fall asleep.

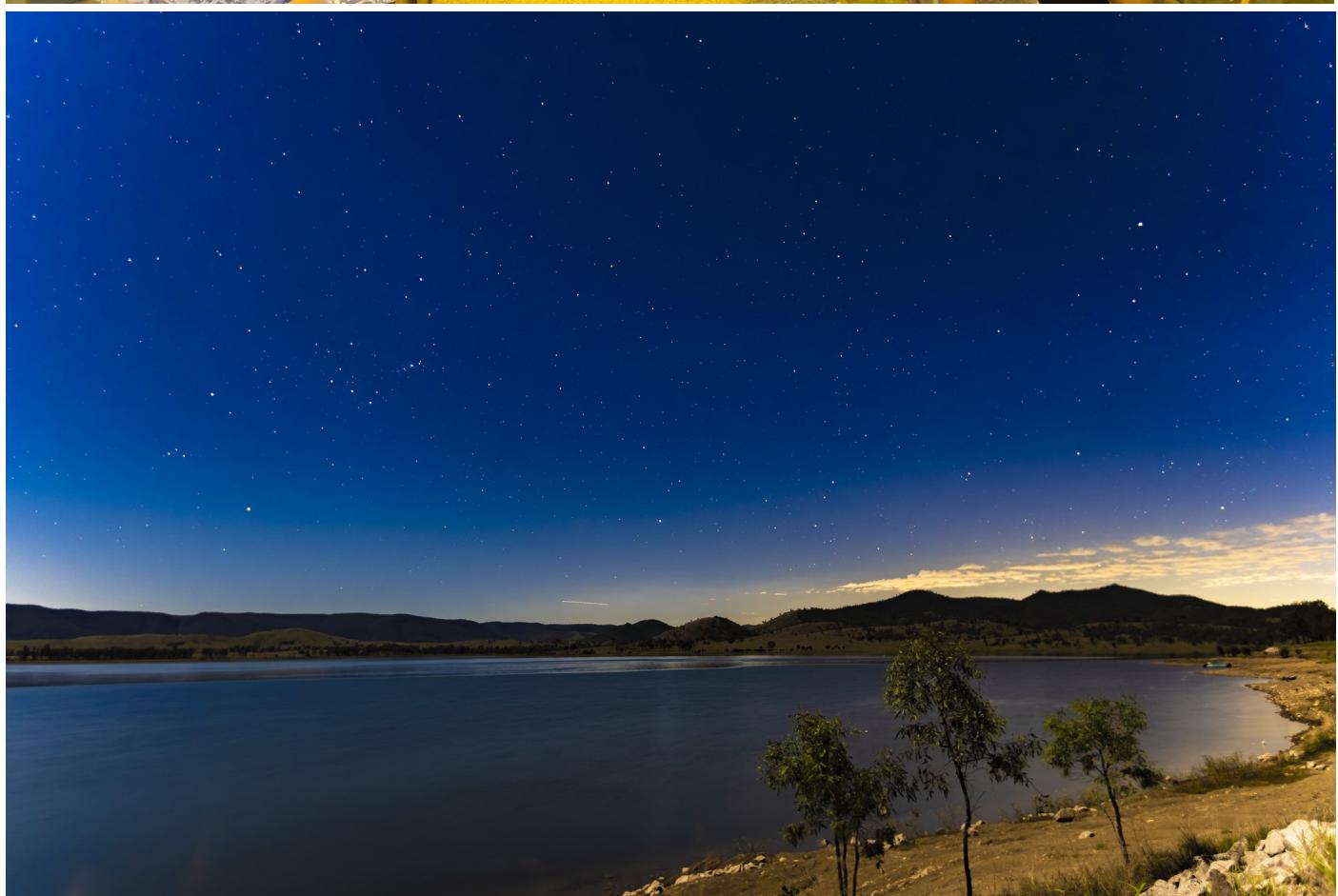
Fresh water fishing is definitely a very different experience. On the previous Monday morning Keith Kable and Trevor Bourke putted out early in the morning and sat in their favourite spot only to be smashed by a school of very hungry bass weighing over two kilograms. With their esky overflowing with fish, they headed for home well before twelve o'clock, so when the rest of us arrived on Tuesday morning, the air was filled with excitement.



It was about five o'clock on Wednesday morning when the first boats slid quietly into the water. The modern boats and four-stroke motors have certainly changed the way the fishos operate. Almost no noise, even when you open the throttle and head off across the lake. The competition was planned to start at six but by leaving at five, it allows you plenty of time to check your traps and collect your shrimp for the day's fishing. You can also experience the early morning rays of sunshine. Yes you guessed it; the weather forecasters were wrong again.

It wasn't long before all our competitors were on the water. Queen Street seemed to be pretty popular but somebody forgot to tell the fish that we were all there. A light breeze was just enough to push us along and keep us cool because, not only did the sun come up, but it wasn't long before the rise in temperature had most of us heading for home for some light refreshments and a bite to eat.

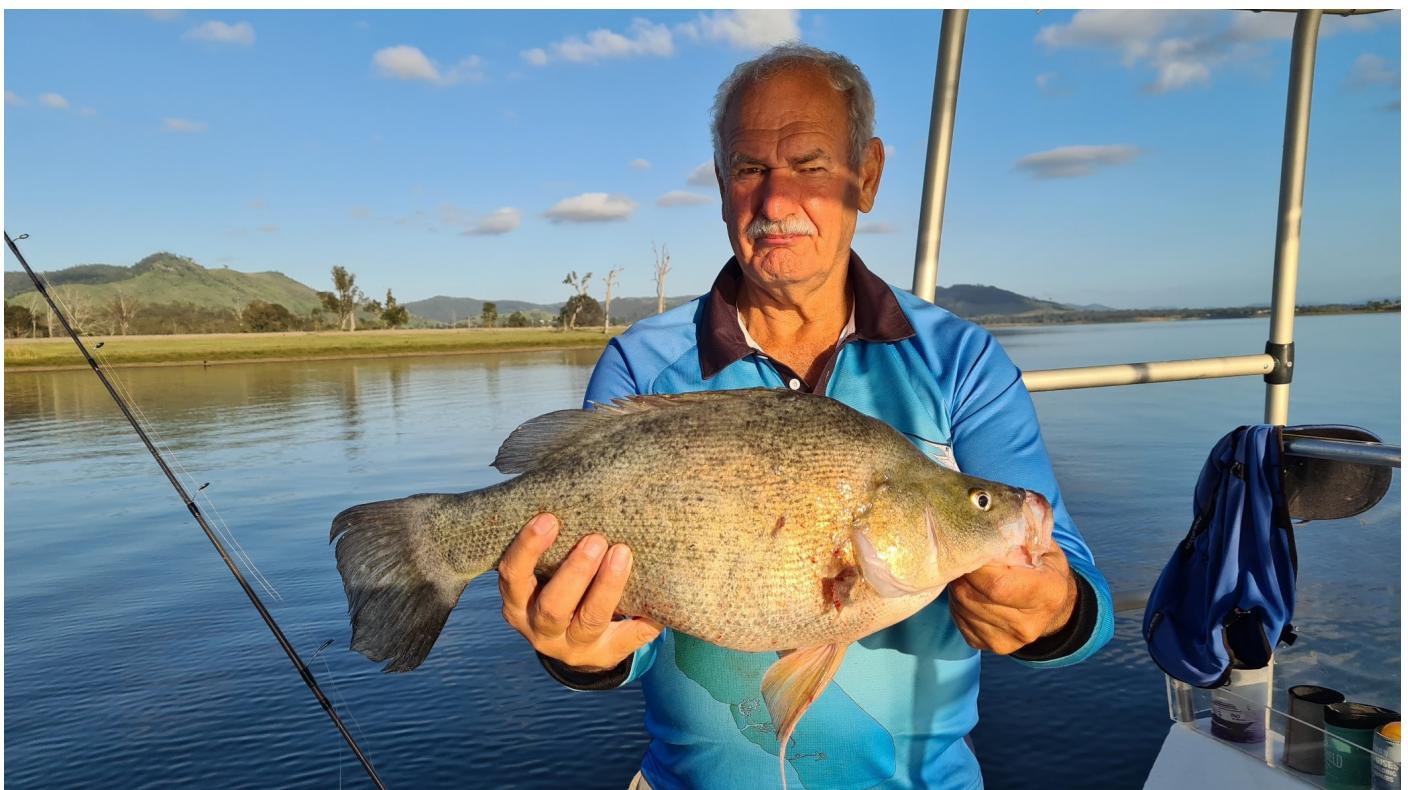
The evening meal on Wednesday was one event that everyone was looking forward to, especially seeing that Keith was telling stories of big steaks and a sumptuous meal that was to be provided after five. As much as the Glamping tents provided you with next to nothing, the camp kitchen was pretty well laid out. Very clean BBQs, plenty of bench space, ZIP hot water systems, but no rubbish bins; in fact there were no rubbish bins to be seen anywhere. All rubbish had to be collected and dumped in the commercial bins located at the entrance to the park.



Everyone enjoyed their meal and afterwards most of us sat on our verandas with a cup of coffee as we gazed at the reflections of the full moon on the water. As much as the previous night's entertainment was to the satisfaction of just a couple, it was nice to slide into a very comfortable bed with a couple of possums sniffing through the screen door.

Day two had arrived and everyone was up early hoping that the traps would be full of shrimp. We were extremely lucky to find that our traps were full and that we would have more than enough shrimp to last until the twelve o'clock weigh-in.

I was lucky enough to be invited out with Mike Phillips in his very wide and comfortable an spacious Stessl boat. We floated near Queen Street for a little while and found the only yellowbelly there. It was a bit of a battle to try to raise a 6.5lbs fish on ten pound line, but Mike skilfully slid the net under the fish.



We drifted around for a while and kept our eyes on the other boats in the area, but they didn't seem to be catching anything so Mike and I headed for the sticks. I had suggested that Bruce Carey and John Davis head up to the headwaters of the dam after hearing that the big Yellow were going crazy up there.

Well that was two of the competitors out of the way which would give Mike and me a better chance of at least getting a prize. I had a very secret spot where I thought the fish would be just waiting for a fresh and lively shrimp so Mike and I slowly and quietly tied up to an old stump and dropped our lines into the water.

Bang!!! Mike's rod bent hard over as Mike reached over quickly to set the hook. Apparently Mike has extremely soft rods that bend double if a guppie bites on them, but say what you like, Mike had his first fish of the day. It may only have been a small Barred Grunter but it was a start. The trouble was, that they were the only fish that were down there. We didn't mind catching the grunter but after a short while, we realized that our plentiful supply of fresh shrimp had diminished to just a few little ones.

It was time to move to a better spot. Mike selected a tree where he had caught numerous bass the day before. The trouble was that they too were just babies. Well maybe there were a few big ones amongst them as well.

An hour had passed and we had been extremely busy catching plenty of Barred Grunter and Baby Bass. At one stage we had four or five Whistling Kites circling overhead waiting for their next feed.



John Casey and Ron Winnett motored past as they too were looking for a better spot. I wasn't sure if they had run out of shrimp or that they just decided to troll a couple of lures in the hope of snagging a big fish. As I looked over Mike hooked another small bass. At least I knew, that if there was indeed a big bass down there, Mike was certainly capable of catching it.



We saw John and Barbara Wicks navigating around a big tree and everything seemed to be well under control, but little did we know that somehow, John had lost his best whiting rod overboard.



Well, time certainly moves quickly when you are having fun. With just a couple of legal fish on board, we decided to head back, pick up our traps and head for home. We had been blessed with the weather because the wind and rain stayed away until after the competition ended. All the boats had been put back on the trailers and our members started to head over to the weigh-in.





All the boys were telling the stories of the big ones that got away while the girls were a little more reserved, enjoying a glass of wine. Ron and John did the honours and weighed in all the fish. I had asked Keith earlier if he had caught any fish to which he replied, "Just One". Well, when he tipped out five large bass, I just had to question him on his previous answer. Keith replied and said "Just one.... Bagfull". When it comes to competitive fishing, I am not sure if I will trust anything he says.



With all the fish declared and weighed in, John and Ron set about tallying the scores. The presentations were handed out and were gratefully accepted.



Steven King did try to claim a new species but was bitterly disappointed when his new species was disallowed. Apparently Steve mad a cast into the water and while slowly winding in, he felt something on the end of his line. The excitement grew as he realised the sheer weight of this fish. Slowly but surely Steve brought it closer and closer to the boat. It didn't seem to be fighting much but it sure was heavy.

Allan Woodward grabbed the net with anticipation and slid it under the fish. With fists pumping into the air, the boys dragged it into the boat only to find that it was actually a piece of wood that was in the shape of a fish. Not only did it resemble a fish but Steve had actually hooked it where the mouth should be. Well I am not sure who will be in contention for the "NAFA HAT"; Did John Wicks actually win the hat or was it Steve King with is very exciting but far fetched story of the fish that didn't get away.



Twenty three of our members attended for what turned out to be a great trip and competition. It is not always about the competition as the best part of the trip is the social atmosphere at the end of each day.

The following people put a line in the water:

Steven King, Allan Woodward, Frank Oostenbroek, Michael Phillips, Bruce Carey, Keith Kable, Trevor Bourke, Ron Winnett, John Davis, John Wicks, Barbara Wicks, John Casey, Tim Horne, Saskia Horne.

The following members provided plenty of support for the trip:

Carole Winnett, Sandra Casey, Shelia Oostenbroek, Vivian King, Hillary Woodward, Robyn Bourke, Margaret Phillips, Julie Kable, Jillian Davis

Somerset Dam Competition

Wednesday	17 November 2021	Day 1	14 Fish Caught
Thursday	18 November 2021	Day 2	10 Fish Caught
Total Number of fish caught			24 Fish Caught

	Name	Fish Species	Weight in Kilograms	Fishing Day
1	Allan Woodward	Catfish	1.04kg	Day 1
2	Allan Woodward	Catfish	0.72kg	Day 1
3	Allan Woodward	Silver Perch	0.58kg	Day 1
4	Allan Woodward	Silver Perch	0.5kg	Day 1
5	Bruce Carey	Bass	0.45kg	Day 1
6	Bruce Carey	Bass	0.48kg	Day 1
7	Bruce Carey	Bass	0.51kg	Day 1
8	Frank Oostenbroek	Bass	0.5kg	Day 1
9	John Wicks	Catfish	0.87kg	Day 1
10	Keith Kable	Bass	2.09kg	Day 1
11	Michael Phillips	Bass	0.82kg	Day 1
12	Michael Phillips	Bass	0.63kg	Day 1
13	Steven King	Catfish	1.00kg	Day 1
14	Steven King	Catfish	0.63kg	Day 1
15	Frank Oostenbroek	Catfish	1.04kg	Day 2
16	Frank Oostenbroek	Yellowbelly	2.96kg	Day 2
17	Bruce Carey	Catfish	0.94kg	Day 2
18	Keith Kable	Bass	1.57kg	Day 2
19	Keith Kable	Bass	1.84kg	Day 2
20	Trevor Bourke	Bass	1.14kg	Day 2
21	Trevor Bourke	Bass	1.14kg	Day 2
22	Allan Woodward	Yellowbelly	1.89kg	Day 2
23	Allan Woodward	Catfish	0.72kg	Day 2
24	Steven King	Catfish	0.87kg	Day 2

Heaviest Fish

1 st	Frank Oostenbroek	Yellowbelly	2.96 kg	
2 nd	Keith Kable	Bass	2.9kg	
3 rd	Keith Kable	Bass	1.84kg	

Heaviest Bag

1 st	Allan Woodward		5.5kg	
1 st	Keith Kable		5.5kg	
3 rd	Frank Oostenbroek		4.5kg	

Lucky Draw

Steven King			
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Christmas Lights

Each Year John and Sandra Casey go to a lot of trouble to set up their Christmas Lights but as the years go by and John gets a little older he needs the support of some of the other members of the club. If you or your grand children enjoy the spirit of Christmas and love the lights, John and Sandra's place certainly have a fantastic display





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-

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