

# FISH 'N' TIPS

## JANUARY 2020



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY 2020

**Hello Everyone**, and also to some long awaited rain.

This is my first opportunity to thank all the members who voted me in as president for another year. We saw a slight change to our committee with **Jim Urquhart** stepping out and **Richard Patterson** coming on board as Vice President .

Thank you to Jim for his service and I am sure Richard will give his all, to help our club achieve another great year in both fishing and social activities.

Our January barbecue with over 65 people, was a special Australia Day event with lamb being on the menu along with lamingtons. Welcome to **Sue Smith** who has volunteered to help **Ony Roubin** with the catering both of whom I am sure, will delight us with their culinary skills this year. The calendar this year has a few slight changes so be sure to read it carefully and please notify us of any additional events you may wish to add.

**Rosemary Blythe** will be organising our trips away to free up some time for Trevor and we are also looking for somebody to help us out in storing items for our "Trash and Treasure" which is to be held in May. John Casey who has done it for a couple of years, would like a break. I will be the off-island store room until it's finished.

The raffles at the RSL club last year were a resounding success so thank you all, that either worked or contributed to this important event in our calendar.

I am looking forward to some good fishing this year so bye for now.

*Keith Kable*

**President**



*The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand*

*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 \$25 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.*

# A New Committee for 2020

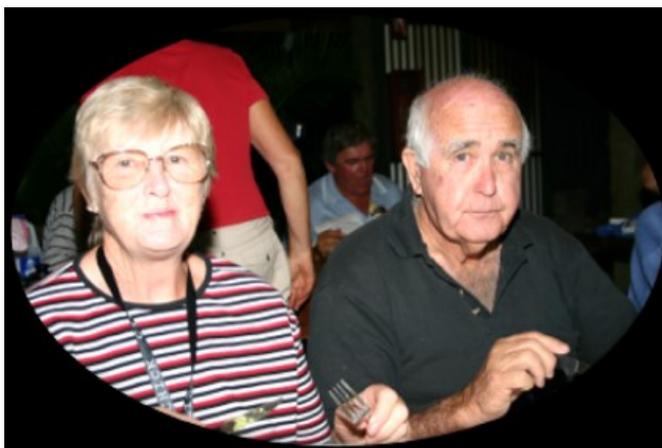


- President:** Keith Kable joined our club in January 2012. Keith has spent quite a few years on the committee and became Vice-President just four years ago.
- Vice-President:** Richard Patterson Joined the club in January 2004 and since that time has spent a few years as Assistant Weigh-Master. Big Bream is his specialty but loves the opportunity to fish offshore
- Secretary:** Loris Roubin joined the club in February 2016. Loris has been the Secretary for both our club as well as the Vietnam Veterans for a number of years. You just gotta Love him.
- Treasurer:** Trevor Plant joined the club in January 2015. If you want the definition of Fanatical just look at Trevor. A qualified accountant, All round good guy with the best interests of the club at heart.
- Assistant Treasurer:** Vic Herring has a very in-depth knowledge of Information Technology and has a brain for business. Vic will be a great asset to the club.
- Weigh-Master:** Ron Winnett joined the club in January 1995 and has been the Weigh-Master for over fifteen years. Ron is the classic inshore fisherman but is the only club member to catch a marlin on a soft plastic while fishing for snapper on Hutchison's Shoal.
- Assistant Weigh-Master:** John Davis joined the club in march 2017. You would hardly know that John is there. A quiet gentle man who is well versed in IT applications which has enabled him to contributed in a Number of ways.

- Function** Rosemary Blythe Joined the club in March 2016. A strong supporter of the Volunteer Marine  
**Coordinator:** Rescue where she spends many months each year. Matriculas in her organising and coordinating ability, Rosemary plays a very valuable role in the club.
- Catering** Ony Roubin joined the club in January 2017. Ony has already shown her ability to cater for the  
**Coordinator:** club when nobody really wanted the job. Just give her a quiet thank you every BBQ, function, and trips away.
- Assistant** Sue Smith joined the club in March 2017. A happy girl with a great smile which is what you  
**Catering** need in this committee position. This is Sue's first time on the committee with the longest title.  
**Coordinator:** Best of luck Sue.
- Merchandiser:** Sandy Casey joined the club in January 2014 and in that time has spent many years as Merchandiser. Sandy keeps a low profile but is always there when you need her. Sandy is responsible for organising the Uniting Church sale and devotes many hours to the Bribie Island Hospice.
- Publicity** Frank Oostenbroek joined the Club in January 2004 after which he promptly became president  
**Web-Master:** for three years. A fanatical offshore fisherman with a love of nature. Frank has spent over fifteen years in front of his computer screen writing his next fishing story.



## ***The Passing of a President***



Tom and Marge Clarke were very active members of the Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing club; in fact they were a true picture of what social fishing was all about. It was back in 2003, I received a very warm welcome from both Tom and Marge. A fun loving happy couple, just full of life and dedicated to the overall success of our fishing club to the point, where Tom became President.

The details are now a bit sketchy but in approximately 2005 Tom and Marge moved to Wamuran and eventually left the Club after this photo was taken at Bjelke-Petersen Dam in 2005.

A few years later Tom had developed dementia and was placed in a home. Tom and Marge eventually moved to Melbourne to be closer to their family. Sadly Tom passed away just a few days before last Christmas. We believe that Marge is still in Melbourne where she also is not in the best of health.

## WEIGHMASTER'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2019

Here we are at the start of another year with many of the old timers still leading the competition. It was good to see that we have a bit of a change in the men's offshore competition with Richard Caldararo making quite an impression with almost 130 points.

Brett Waters will be setting the standard soon because he doesn't know when to stop fishing. Brett is restricted to fishing the weekends but when he does he makes the most of it. If the Boat starts, he will leave before dawn and will fish till sundown if possible.

The offshore fish have not been playing the game with many of our fishos trolling for six or seven hours with little success. The unwritten rule for any type of fishing is "find the bait and you will find the fish". The trouble is that there is no bait!!!

The inshore competition leaders consist of Ron, Richard, Richard, Trevor, Trevor, Keith, Bruce, John and Michael and the competition is fierce. Ill be very interesting to see how the fish react after the very wet week.

The crabs will be heading downstream together with all the bait fish as the fresh water finds its way into the passage. Not only would you expect all the inshore fish to be waiting at the mouth of each creek but the offshore species should move into the Bay as well. There have been a few catches of Long tail (Northern Bluefin) Tuna caught towards Tanagalooma and the shipping channels along Moreton Island.

## Monthly Comp January 2020

Total No of fish 80

### Junior Inshore

Winner		Points	
Runner up		Points	

### Ladies Inshore

Winner	Tina Patterson	Points	47
Runner up	Carole Winnett	Points	27

### Ladies Offshore

Winner		Points	
Runner up		Points	

### Mens inshore

Winner	Ron Winnett	Points	120
Second	Trevor plant	Points	101
Third	Richard Patterson	Points	65
Fourth	Richard Caldararo	Points	59
Fourth	Bruce Carey	Points	20
Fifth	John Casey	Points	13
Sixth	Michael Phillips	Points	9

### Mens Offshore

Winner	Richard Caldararo	Points	127.325
Second	Michael Phillips	Points	92.275
Third	Frank Oostenbroek	Points	74.175
Fourth	Brett Waters	Points	71

### Lucky Draw

Bruce Carey
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### Mystery Fish Draw

Brett Waters	Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)
Richard Patterson	Moses Snapper



# *The Australia Day Hat Parade*



*Some of the members enjoying Australia Day on Bribie Island*



*David and Shona Hight reliving when the days  
when their bodies looked like this*

*Trevor Plant showing the results of  
too much beer*



*Ray and Dorothy Vassallo show off their winning hats*



*Eleanor Voss checks her Membership Tickets*



*Sheila was hopeful with this entry*

*Phil Enright enjoying a drink with Max and Adrienne West*



*Perfect succulent Lamb Steaks that have been cooked to perfection*

# Random Photos



*Phil Enright wasted no time pulling in this feisty little Yellow fin Tuna*



*A very happy Brett Waters landed his very first Dolphin Fish (Mahi Mahi) just north of Flinders Reef*



*Max West was demonstrating his liberal technique when applying sun screen*

# BOONDOOMA DAM

## A New Beginning

Our annual trip to Barambah Dam or as we normally refer to it as Bjelke-Petersen Dam has been moved to Boondooma Dam which is just 130kms to the west or just four hours drive from the Bribie Bridge. It appears that the drought has affected the level of water in many of our dams and reservoir with Bjelke-Petersen dam level at just 3%.

A new adventure with lots of new experiences. New roads, New cafes, New sights and Bigger dam, More water and Bigger fish. There may even be new species of birds for those with an ornithological interest. How many of you have ever been to the Whip Bird Café just south of Kingaroy? You could visit new towns like Memerambi, Wooroolin, Chelmsford, Tingoora, Hivesville, and Proston. I am getting excited just thinking about it. I might even stop off at the Bunya Mountains on the way home.



The Whip Bird Café is just 2.5 hours from Bribie; perfect for a mid morning cup of coffee. There are obviously a lot more cafes and sights to see around Kingaroy so fill your boots.

Lake Boondooma Caravan and Recreation Park, located 20kms north of Proston, is for anglers, campers, bird-watchers and water-sports enthusiasts. The dam built in 1983 to provide water to the Tarong Power Station. In recent years, under the careful direction of South Burnett Regional Council, it has been developed into a major regional recreation area. If you are looking for a relaxing weekend or even longer, Lake Boondooma is just the stress relief you have been looking for. Bring the caravan, tent or treat yourself to a comfortable cabin, launch your boat and prepare for fishing excellence.

# Boondooma Information Checklist

## ***Where is Lake Boondooma?***

Lake Boondooma Caravan and Recreation Park  
40 Bushcamp Road via Proston.  
Please refer to the maps.

## ***What are the Dates?***

Friday 20th- Sunday 22 March 2020  
If you decide to come early or stay longer the park is offering a 10% discount but it is at your own expense.

## ***How much will it cost?***

There are two options:  
A single cabin will cost \$120 for the weekend  
A two bedroom villa will cost \$160 for the weekend.  
(The villas are 3.5kms away from the cabins)  
If you decide to take your own caravan or if you would like to pitch a tent your accommodation will be free of charge.

## ***What is included?***

Accommodation for two nights and  
A BBQ on Saturday night.  
The meal on Friday night is at your own cost so think about bringing your own sausages or steak or there may be a limited choice of woodfired pizzas available

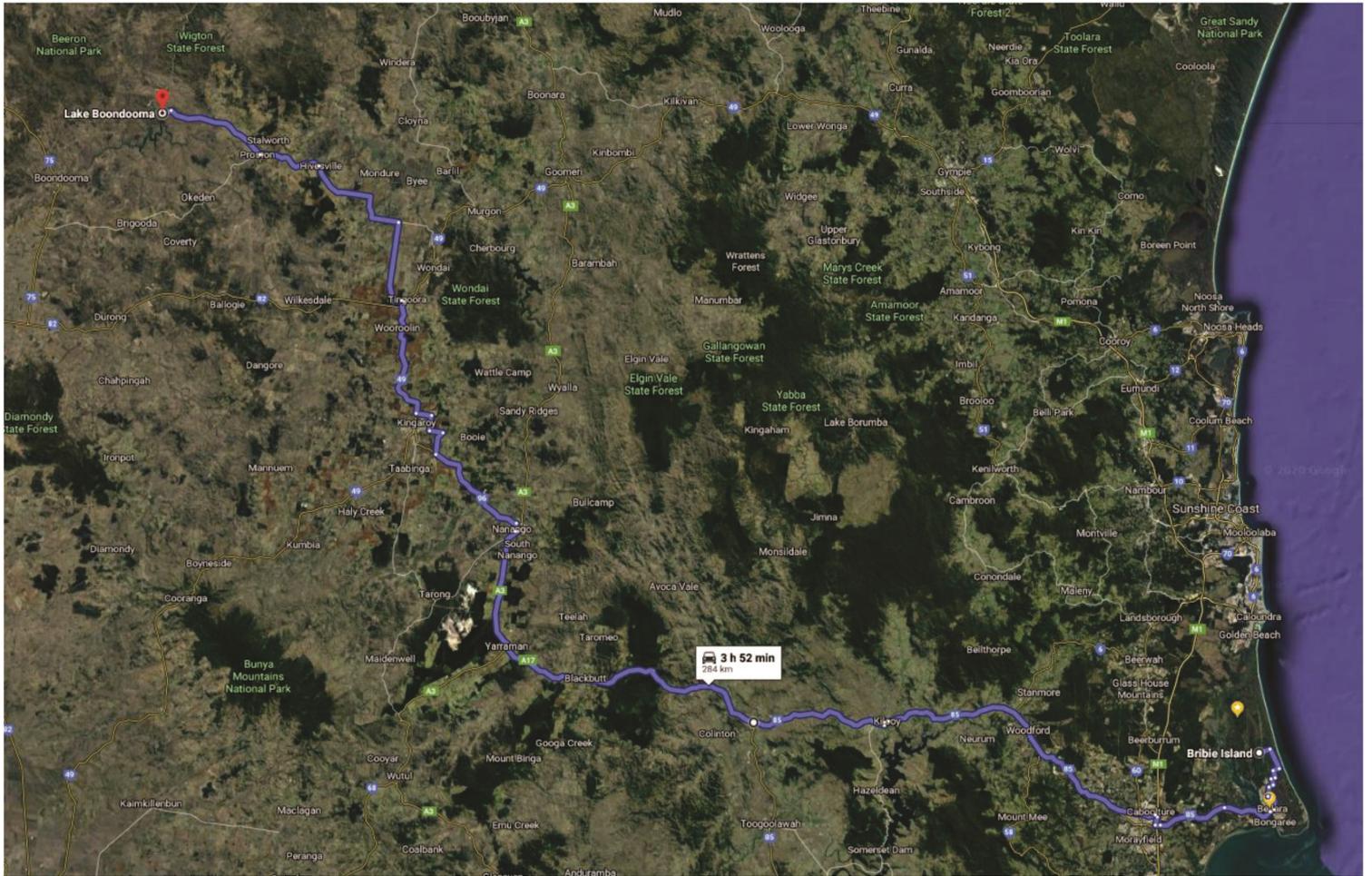
## ***What do I need to bring?***

Breakfast and lunch provisions, Coffee, Tea, Milk and sugar.  
Nibbles and drinks and chairs for the afternoon session.  
OH!! Bring your own boat as well. It may also be wise to bring your insect spray and suntan lotion with your Aussie hat.

## ***I don't fish. What else can I do?***

There are a variety of different birds and just 60kms away is the Boondooma Homestead which is jam packed full of interesting history which is well worth the trip.  
The small town of Proston is on the way to the homestead so why not stop off for a coffee on the way.

# The Maps



## The Cabins



## The Two Bedroom Villas



# General Information

A large, deep body of water dominated by hills, rocky points and gullies with plenty of boulders and snags thrown in is a lot for the first time visitor to take in when first confronted by the sight. This same structure can offer varied fishing opportunities for anglers. Located around 20 km northwest of Proston, and 75 km from Kingaroy, Boondooma Dam or Lake Boondooma is a leisurely three and a half hour drive northwest of Brisbane.

The dam was constructed in 1983 across the Boyne river below its confluence with the Stuart to supply water to the Tarong power station and as is the case at so many impoundments, takes its name from the original property in the area. It has a capacity of 210 000 mega litres under the 1920 Ha of surface area and has an average depth of 11 meters.

There is a good quality, two laned boatramp adjacent to the lakeside camping area. Boondooma has had a very mixed stocking history being one of the only impoundments to be stocked with both Murray Cod & Mary River Cod in the past as well as the continued stocking of bass, golden perch, silver perch & saratoga. The local fish stocking group have done a fantastic job as without their dedication and hard work I'm sure we would never have heard the name Boondooma.

There is also a naturally occurring population of Tandans (Eel tailed catfish) and spangled perch. In 1993/94 approximately 60-65 000 barramundi were released into Boondooma as it was felt that this was possibly the furthest south that barra could survive. To date there have been only a couple of reported captures here and since then no further barra releases have taken place. Recently Tilapia have been found in Boondooma and it is hoped that the aquatic invaders don't establish themselves here.

As with most of our south-eastern impoundments, the shining star here over the past few years has been the Australian bass. These hard hitting hard fighting fish are most easily found by casting lures around the outside of the weedbeds in many of the bays that dot this lake. Alternatively, anglers can drop a small unweighted shrimp down along the outside edges of the weeds and occasionally bob them to attract attention. Many of these fringe dwelling bass are on average a little smaller than their deep-water sisters. Open water structure like submerged hilltops and drop-offs tend to be the place where large schools of bass can be located.

This is where a good quality sounder/fish finder is a must have. By keeping one eye in front and the other on the sounder, it is possible to follow the edges of the old creek/river beds to find schools. Once located, a marker buoy can be put on the 'spot' or the boat can be anchored above active fish where a variety of techniques can be used to good effect. Some of the more popular styles are casting tail spinners, spinner baits, slices and ice jigs or even casting flies on sinking lines and down to the required depth. I had a recent demonstration of the effectiveness of deep flyfishing and jigging by local gurus Mathew Mott & Robert Smith with plenty of good sized bass being caught and released in quick concession.

If a sounder hasn't yet figured into the budget, try trolling lures in likely area until fish are found, then continue to work the area. Another idea is to look at the surrounding country side for some hint at where ridges or gullies enter the water. These usually continue further out into the lake under the water.

Although the bass fishing in this impoundment has earned Boondooma a great reputation recently, the mainstay of the fishing here for many years has been the golden perch. These fish can be consistently found in the heavily timbered areas in the Stuart arm of the lake and around many of the rocky points along the main basin. Goldens are also a common capture for anglers targeting bass around the weed edges in bays.

Boondooma will probably remain as one of my favoured freshwater destinations, not so much for the fishing opportunities it provides (and provides quite well) but for the sheer beauty of the place.

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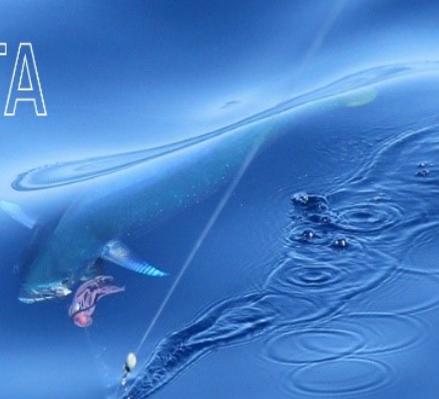
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## Bribie Family Dental



**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.**

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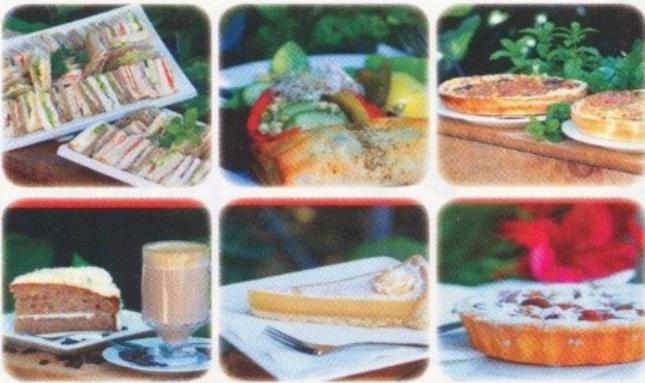


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