

# FISH 'N' TIPS

January 2025



The monthly electronic newsletter of Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club

# President's Report

January 2025



**Keith Kable -  
Club President**

Hello Everyone,

Another Xmas and New Year are behind us and I hope you all received some special gifts, and are fully rested up for another spectacular year of fishing and fun within the club.

On behalf of myself, Julie, and the committee you re-elected at our recent AGM, a huge thank you for the confidence you have shown in us for another year.

These members volunteer a huge amount of their own time to organise calendars and events to help you get to know your fellow members more, and certainly to help you plan a portion of your year.

Something a little different to start off with will be the BBQ boat hire, and to make things out of the ordinary we can only use hand lines. That may test some of the fisher people no doubt. I am sure some special prizes will be in order as well. As I mentioned at the meeting, the committee would welcome some new and novel ideas such as this to keep an interesting club appeal, and a little laughter never hurt anybody.

Also, as Secretary Ray pointed out at the meeting, we need more members to fill in the gaps on our rosters for both the Thursday night RSL raffles and the catering for 2025.

Our normal monthly fishing calendar has returned after our December Stand Alone Competition, so let's get out there and wet some lines. Ask yourself, how many times did I actually fish last year.

That's all for me for now so see you at the ramp or on the water.

**KK**





## Editor's Notes

Hi Everyone,

This month's newsletter has been published after the AGM for the sole purpose of listing the new committee, not that it has changed much. Next month's edition will be out at the normal time, of the weekend leading up to the General Meeting.

There's not a lot to report on this early into the year, but I have included a couple of links to some items that may be of interest to some members.

I know many of us are concerned about just what is going on at Sandstone point marina, so I have included a link to a website outlaying design ideas etc. It's mainly a feel good advertising thing, but it might help some of you to see what the plans are for that area. You'll find that on page 7.

There is also a link to the ABC's Landline program on the local oyster industry. It's only 13 minutes long, but worth a look and very interesting. That's on page 8.

Hilary's Events update is also on page 8, and of course we have a new event replacing this month's Passage Boat Comp. The BBQ Boat morning is shaping up to be something a little different for our club. It won't be too serious, as we will be using hand lines, not rods for this day. We are hoping for a good turnout for this event, remember these boats are very stable, and it should be a good social morning fishing as well. By the way, the boats have a toilet on board, so you can bring your orange juice or coffee on board, and the ladies can leave the bucket at home.

Don't forget the closed season for Spanish Mackerel (Southern) begins 1st February, and the East Coast tidal waters Barramundi closure is in force right now until 31st January. More details on closed seasons further into the newsletter.

So that's my bit for this month, don't forget the monthly weigh-in deadline, 24th January, still a couple of weeks left to pull in some good fish this month.

*Alison*

Send your contributions to me at

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or send to ph 0418 603 691

### Front Page Photo

We start this year with a picture of our weighmaster Richard Holmes, holding a very nice Golden Trevally, that he caught just before Christmas in the Spitfire Channel.



*Richard Holmes*  
*Weighmaster*

# Weighmaster's Report

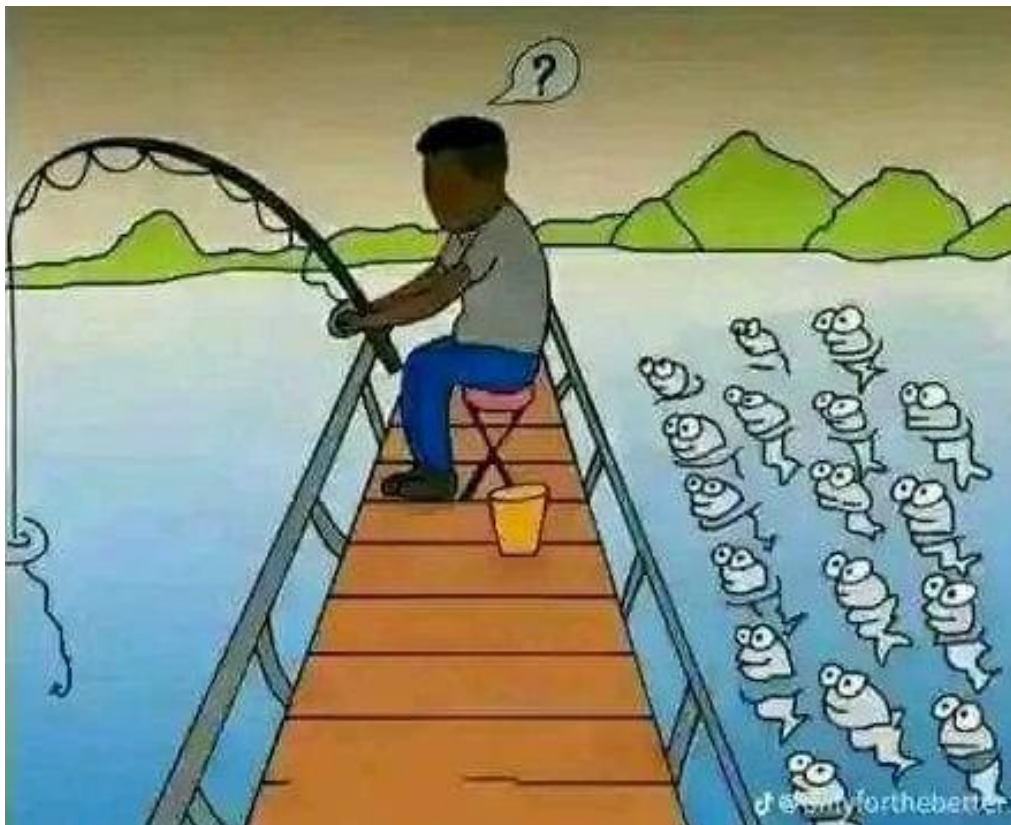
(Unofficial comp) For December 2024

Total No. fish weighed in - 46

Men's Inshore - 43 Fish weighed in		
Place	Name	Points
1st	Ron Winnett	96
2nd	Richard Patterson	57
3rd	Trevor Plant	53
4th	John Casey	35
5th	Coll Callander	32

Ladies Inshore - 3 Fish weighed in		
Place	Name	Points
1st	Carole Winnett	29

Lucky Draw
Coll Callander



Members' Photos



Above, another great Cobia for Trevor Plant.

Top Right, a very happy John Casey shows off his first Mangrove Jack, caught just before Christmas.

Right: Ron Winnett with a 2kg Barred Grunter caught early January.





### Monthly Club Weigh-in Deadlines.

The deadline for the January fishing competitions (in-shore, off-shore and freshwater), is 6pm Friday 24th January 2025. Have your [weigh-in sheet](#) with the weighmasters by that time to be included. The February comp will commence immediately, and the January winners will be announced at the February BBQ on Sunday 23rd February.

#### Weighmasters

Richard Holmes [rjbholmes@bigpond.com](mailto:rjbholmes@bigpond.com)

Richard Patterson [richardtina21@gmail.com](mailto:richardtina21@gmail.com)

### Club Merchandise for sale

Sandra Casey has a selection of items, listed below, available for sale to members. You can contact her on 0448242448. They will also be available at the BBQs and meetings if you would like to purchase anything.

Club polo tee shirts short sleeve.  
\$40.00

Long sleeve \$40.00

Club caps \$15.00

Club Stubbie Coolers \$8.00 each

*Below:* Keith and Julie with Grandsons Riley (left) and Aiden with their trophy haul for 2024.

Keith won Freshwater Out of Comp, and Men's Offshore; Julie won Ladies Inshore; Riley won Junior, and Aiden won the Sub-Junior.

Well done to all of you.



## Closed Seasons

### Spanish mackerel

**Southern Closures:** 1st to 21st February, and 1st to 21st March each year, East Coast waters south of 22°S between Mackay and Yeppoon.

**Northern Closures:** 30th September to 21st October 2024 and 29th October to 19th November 2024, East coast waters north of 22°S between Mackay and Yeppoon.

### Tropical rock lobster

1st October to 31st December QLD East coast waters north of Latitude 14°S and the Gulf of Carpentaria waters.

### Barramundi

QLD east coast tidal waters, from 1st November to 31st January, and the Gulf of Carpentaria waters from 7th October to 31st January.

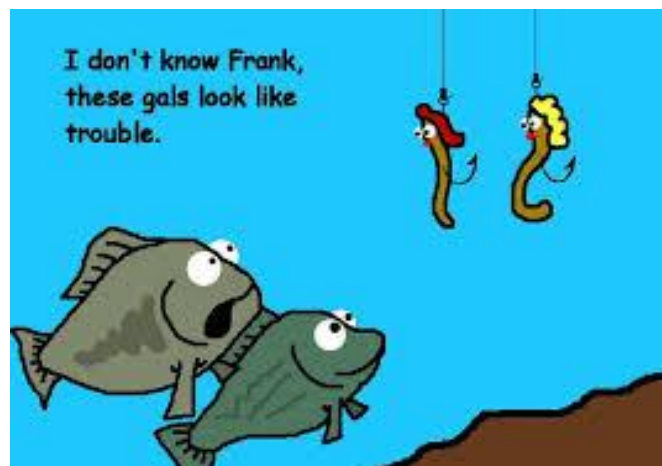
### Spanner Crab

QLD East coast waters from 1st November to 15th December each year.

For more info on closed seasons including maps, see this [Fisheries page](#)

For anyone following the [Sandstone Point Marina saga](#), there is an interesting article on page 15 of 'the LOCAL', that free paper that finds itself somewhere on your front yard occasionally. Issue number 111, 8th Jan 2025.

You could also check out [this site](#) for more info.



## Events and Catering Update

By Hilary Woodward

Hello and Happy New Year Everyone,

I do hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2025.

Apart from our planned trip down to QPAC to see **Grease on Wednesday 22nd January**, this month is fairly quiet from a catering and events point of view. There is no BBQ this month due to Australia Day, and Toc-H not being available for an alternative date.

You all would have seen by now the expression of interest sheet for the proposed **BBQ Boat Morning** to be held on **Thursday 13th February**. I think this will be a fun morning on the water both for our keen anglers and those of us who just like being on the water. It will be hand line fishing only which should be interesting. We are not BBQing on the boats but please feel free to bring along your own morning tea and drinks. Once the boats are back to the marina we will have a lunch time BBQ in the park next to the public boat ramp. More details regarding start and finish time to come.

With regard to our volunteer rosters for the Thursday RSL raffles and the monthly BBQ's, please consider putting your name down for these. Both are important to the club in terms of fund raising and social events. They are good fun and there is plenty of help and advice available.

The next BBQ will be **Sunday 23rd February**.

That's all from me for now.

HILARY WOODWARD (Catering & Events Co-ordinator)

### Queensland's oyster industry

#### Oyster species that thrive in warm water

Do you love oysters? Then this should interest you — ABC's Landline recently featured a segment on growing oysters in QLD, including Moreton Bay and Bribie Island areas. To find out more, watch this 13 minute video [HERE](#).



## Raffles

Our Thursday night raffles at the RSL Club continue throughout the year, so get yourselves down there anytime from 5pm. Have dinner and a drink with friends and buy some tickets to support your fellow club members and your fishing club. The draw will be just after 7pm in the temporary Sports Bar next to Botanic.

### The roster for January & February is:

16 January: Diane & Peter Mischyszyn and Heatherbell Rogers & Ian Callander

23 January: Sandra Casey, Diane Mischyszyn, Coll Callander and Ian Callander.

30 January: Diane & Peter Mischyszyn. **Two more needed**

06 February: Diane & Peter Mischyszyn. **Two more needed**

13 February: Sandra & John Casey, Vic & Ali Herring

20 February: Heatherbell & Ray Rogers, Ali Herring and Bruce Carey

27 February: Heatherbell & Ray Rogers, Ali Herring and Bruce Carey

**Remember, we are running raffles every Thursday at the RSL. If you think you can help out anytime, or fill the above vacancies, please contact Heatherbell. (0432 664773).**



## Upcoming Events

Hello and Happy New Year Everyone,

I do hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2025.

Coming up in February we have a BBQ Boat Day – Thursday 13th February. This is instead of our regular Passage Boat Day. Handline fishing only to be followed by a lunch time BBQ in the Marina Park.

Somerset Dam Accommodation – 18-21st March (Fishing Comp 19th & 20th).

There will also be Volunteer Roster Sheets for the Thursday Raffles and Monthly BBQ's. Please consider volunteering for these, they are good fun and there is always plenty of help available for first time participants.

With regard to our end of month BBQs, there is NO BBQ IN JANUARY due to Toc-H being unavailable. The next BBQ will be Sunday 23rd February.

That's all from me for now.

HILARY WOODWARD (Catering & Events Co-ordinator)

Mobile: 0419797272.



**"Are you for real? Look at this! The worm's dead. And you made no effort to conceal the hook. I mean, do I have 'stupid' written all over my face?"**

## BBQs at TOC-H



These are held on the last Sunday of most months. Your annual membership fee covers the cost of all BBQs. (Just bring some cash for raffles!)

It is a BYO venue (no drink sales) and if you have never been there before, you can find TOC H at 36 Banya St, Bongaree. (Go down the grassy slope).

A map is available on the website at [www.bribiersfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html](http://www.bribiersfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html) or just use Google maps on your phone.

The next BBQ will be **Sunday 23rd February 2025**.

Several people have asked me how Toc-H came about. If you are interested follow [this link](#) to find out about the history of Toc-H.

### Committee 2025



From Left - Ray Rogers, Richard Patterson, Heatherbell Rogers, Keith Kable, Alison Herring, Vic Herring, Hilary Woodward, Sandy Casey and Richard Holmes.

### Committee Members 2025

President - Keith Kable 0419 644709

Vice President - Vic Herring 0419 492744

Secretary - Ray Rogers 0434 672170

Treasurer - Heatherbell Rogers 0432 664773

Weighmaster - Richard Holmes 0419 668751

Asst Weighmaster - Richard Patterson 0400 994878

Webmaster/Newsletter - Alison Herring 0418 603691

Catering/Events - Hilary Woodward 0419 797272

Merchandising - Sandy Casey 0448 242448



## Our Sponsors

Thank you to all our sponsors for the continued support.

Many of our Raffle Prizes have been donated from these businesses so make sure you support them when you can.



The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to fishermen and women with a common interest, but also to the many residents of Bribie Island and the surrounding area who would otherwise lead a lonely existence. 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 raffles for meat and seafood vouchers on Thursday nights throughout the year. In addition, the Bribie Island RSL Club supports us in very substantial and significant ways – 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.



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