

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

March Members Meeting

14th March 7:00pm

*Weigh In

Saturday, 26th March 6pm

15th - 17th April

Bjelke-Petersen Dam
Freshwater Competition

Fishing Club Web Site

www.bribierslfishingclub.com

MARCH 2016

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11th April Member's Meeting 7:00pm

24th March 4:00pm BBQ Sportsman's Club

15th- 17th April Bjelke-Petersen Dam Freshwater Competition

President's Report



From the President's Desk...

Hello everyone. Well, despite the unwelcome conditions for a large part of the month, some really good fish were caught both inshore and offshore. The big pelagics out around the Cape certainly took top billing with a wide range of good size species being weighed in by quite a few people. Likewise, inshore there were many species also weighed in and of course the guru of Cooks Rocks, Trevor Plant, really did well. Good to see the enthusiasm for fishing of our relatively new members Steve and Kerryn Cochrane. No doubt they will be strong contenders for the monthly competitions.

Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves at the BBQ for February held at the RSL Sports Club. Richard's news details the winners. I think Frank enjoyed handing over the wa - - - s hat to Richard Caldararo for his slip up in leaving the keys to his boat at home early one morning. The lesson here is that there are no friends when it comes to divulging goings on that could be embarrassing or exhibit a lack of attention to detail or where one's common sense may be called into question. I am aware of another person who probably deserved the hat more than Richard but I found out about it a little late. They say leopards don't change their spots so we will keep a watch on said person.

For those of you who attended the BBQ and provided comment on the samples of the new Club shirt – thank you. The design that came out on top is the blue shirt but with the logo of the white shirt. I will bring them to the meeting along with size samples and the order sheet so those of you who couldn't make the BBQ, can have a look. A big thank you to George for his graphic design skills, his time and the effort that he has put in to provide options for you. As you would be aware, we can no longer source our existing jade coloured shirts and so George stepped up to the plate.

Last month I met with Janelle Barraud who is the General Manager of the Bribie Island RSL Club. Janelle, RSL Club Board Members and Janelle's staff are very supportive of our Club. We had a very good meeting which covered a range of topics. Janelle offered to have an advertisement for our Club developed and displayed on screens in the RSL. True to her word, this has happened. Many thanks Janelle and many thanks for your long and ongoing support.

After seeing an article in a recent Bribie Weekly about Bribie Island State School conducting a fishing program for students once a term, I contacted the program's teacher Stephen Nicholson. The article asked for donations of fishing gear suitable for light fishing in Pumicestone Passage because the number of participating students had nearly doubled. I did talk about it at the BBQ but I will raise it again at our meeting. If you have serviceable and suitable rods and reels or terminal tackle that you wish to give to the school, please either drop them into the school for Stephen's attention or drop them into my place and I will get them to the school. I will also be proposing that our Club donate some new tackle up to the value of \$100 - \$150 to the school. It is good to see interest in fishing being developed in young people.

Until next month, I hope that all of your target fish are hungry.

Weighmaster's Report



Somebody mentioned that Bribie Island must be the windiest place in Queensland and judging by the amount of wind we have had in the last few weeks, I have a tendency to agree. It is really frustrating to know that all those big fish are out there waiting for us while we are stuck on the island because of the incessant wind.

It was nice to see a few new names on the winner's list but I am keen to see the results when the Winnetts' and Pattersons' return. There have been a number of occasions in the past when we have not had a weigh-in for the ladies division and in a lot of cases you only need one fish to win the competition.

The results for the February Competition 2016 competition are as follows:

OFFSHORE:

Ladies Winner: N/A **Men's Winner:** Frank Oostenbroek

Ladies Runner-up: N/A **Men's Runner-up:** Mike Phillips

INSHORE:

Ladies Winner: Kerryn Cochrane **Men's Winner:** Trevor Plant

Ladies Runner-up: N/A **Runner-up:** Mike Phillips

Lucky Draw: Ron Winnett



Tentative Dates

For

Banksia Beach Fishing Competition

A fishing competition and breakfast is to be held at Banksia Beach on the 10 April 2016 from 06:00am until 12:00pm followed by a short presentation at 1:00pm.

Competitors may fish from either the shoreline or from a boat with boundaries spanning from the further most point at Kakadu where it meets the Canal to the southern side of Wright's Creek and no further than 100 meters off the shoreline.

Each competitor may weigh in a maximum of two fish per species as described in the Bribie Island Fishing Club Rules with points awarded as per the inshore rules.

Prizes will include:

- Men's and Women's most points overall.
 - Men's and Women's Runners'-Up.
 - Largest Fish
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Bjelke-Petersen Dam Competition

15th – 17th April 2016.

Saturday 16th April 2016

Commence fishing 06:00am

Weigh-in 12:00 Noon and 5:00pm

Sunday 17th April 2016

Commence fishing 06:00am

Weigh-in 11:00am

Presentation 12:00pm

Prizes will include:

- Men's and Women's Most Points

Maroochydore Competition

13th -15th May 2016

Saturday 14th May 2016

Commence fishing 06:00am

Weigh-in 5:00 pm

Sunday 15th May 2016

Commence fishing 06:00am

Weigh-in 11:00 am

Each competitor may weigh in a maximum of five fish per species as described in the Bribie Island Fishing Club Rules with points awarded as per the inshore rules.

Prizes will include:

- Men's and Women's most points overall.
- Largest Fish Men's and Women's Combined
- Lucky Species Men's and Women's Combined with species and weight to be drawn

Monthly Competition for June

Bream and Pearl Perch

The inshore competition for June will be a combined competition for both men and women and is to be restricted to only Bream which must attain a minimum length of 27cms.

Points for only the best four weigh-ins with a maximum of five fish per weigh-in will be calculated for each competitor. (Maximum of twenty fish).

Prizes will include:

- Men's and Women's Heaviest Bag.
- Largest Bream Men's and Women's Combined
- Lucky Draw Men's and Women's Combined.

The Offshore competition for June will be a combined competition for both men and women and is to be restricted to only Pearl Perch which must attain a minimum length of 35cms.

Points for only the best four weigh-ins with a maximum of five fish per weigh-in will be calculated for each competitor. (Maximum of twenty fish).

Prizes will include:

- Men's and Women's Heaviest Bag.
- Largest Pearl Perch Men's and Women's Combined
- Lucky Draw Men's and Women's Combined.

Monthly Competition for September

Whiting and Snapper

The inshore competition for June will be a combined competition for both men and women and is to be restricted to only Whiting which must attain a minimum length of 25cms.

Points for only the best four weigh-ins with a maximum of five fish per weigh-in will be calculated for each competitor. (Maximum of twenty fish).

Prizes will include:

- Men's and Women's Heaviest Bag.
- Largest Whiting Men's and Women's Combined
- Lucky Draw Men's and Women's Combined.

The Offshore competition for June will be a combined competition for both men and women and is to be restricted to only Snapper which must attain a minimum length of 35cms with no more than one over 70cms.

Points for only the best four weigh-ins with a maximum of five fish per weigh-in will be calculated for each competitor. (Maximum of twenty fish).

Prizes will include:

- Men's and Women's Heaviest Bag.
- Largest Snapper Men's and Women's Combined
- Lucky Draw Men's and Women's Combined.

Tweed Heads Competition

15th -16th October 2016

Saturday 15th October 2016

Commence fishing 06:00am

Weigh-in 5:00 pm

Sunday 16th October 2016

Commence fishing 06:00am

Weigh-in 11:00 am

Each competitor may weigh in a maximum of five fish per species as described in the Bribie Island Fishing Club Rules with points awarded as per the inshore rules.

Prizes will include:

- Men's and Women's most points overall.
- Lucky Draw Men's and Women's Combined

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2016

FEBRUARY

8th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
31th Jan – 27th Feb Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
28th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 27th 6pm

MARCH

14th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
28nd Feb - 26th Mar Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
27th **BBQ- 4pm Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 26th 6pm

APRIL

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
Freshwater Comp
15th Mar - 17th April **Bjelke-Petersen Dam**
27th Mar - 23th April Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
24th **BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in- Saturday 23th 6pm

MAY

9th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
13th – 15th **Maroochydore (weekend away)**
Maroochy River Bungalows
24th April - 28th May Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
29th **BBQ– 3:00pm.Sports Club**
Weigh in –Saturday 28th 6pm

JUNE

2nd **Thursday night raffles RSL Club**
13th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
29th May - 25th June Inshore Monthly Comp- **Bream**
Offshore Monthly Comp- **Pearl Perch**
26th **Bowls afternoon (Pizza) Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 25th 6pm

JULY

11th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
26th June – 30th July Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
26th **BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 30th 6pm

AUGUST

8th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
31st July – 27th Aug Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
28th **BBQ– 3:00pm.Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 27th 6pm

SEPTEMBER

12th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
28th Aug - 24th Sep Inshore Monthly Comp - **Whiting**
Offshore Monthly Comp - **Snapper**
25th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 24th 6pm

OCTOBER

10th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
15th -16th **Tweed Heads (weekend away)**
Hacienda Holiday Park
25th Sep - 29th Oct Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
30th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in – Saturday 29th 6pm

NOVEMBER

14th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
30th Oct - 19th Nov Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
27th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in –Saturday 19th 6pm

DECEMBER

10th **Trophy night**
12th Members Meeting RSL 7:00pm*
19th Nov – 31st Dec Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
Weigh in –Saturday 31st 6pm

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



BJELKE PETERSEN DAM

Ph 07 41684746

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th April

Price 2 nights: Members **\$120:00**

2 Adults

Ensuite self contained Cabins

Saturday night BBQ included

Please bring own linen

Final Numbers & Payment by

14th March (Meeting)

MAROOCHYDORE RIVER **BUNGALOWS**

Ph 07 54484911

David Low Way

Maroochydore

Friday 13th – Sunday 15th May

Price 2 nights: Members **\$125:00**

2 Adults

With a late checkout on Sunday

Ensuite self contained Bungalows

Saturday night

BBQ Included



Hotel within walking distance

Please bring own Linen

Final Numbers and a Non- Refundable deposit of **\$100:00** must be received by

28th February (BBQ)

Final Payment 11th April (Meeting)

BAREFOOT BOWLS

SUNDAY

26TH JUNE 1:30PM

BONGAREE SPORTS CLUB

Price: Bowling Members **\$5:00**

Pizza after the bowls

(Members who have not nominated)

\$5:00

Final numbers by 2nd June

(Meeting)

HACIENDA HOLIDAY PARK

TWEED HEADS

300/37 Chinderah Bay Drive

Chinderah

Ph 02 66741245

Friday 15th -16th October

Price 2 nights: Members **\$130:00** 2

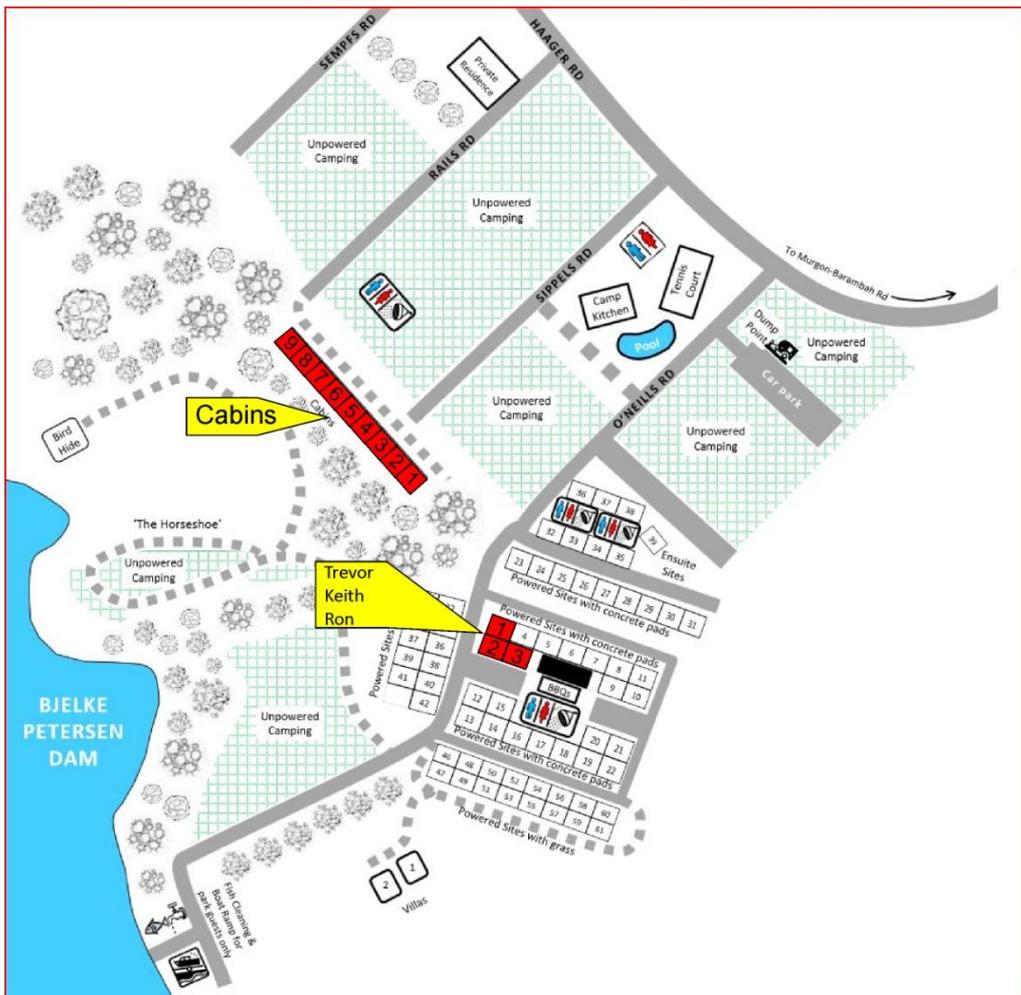
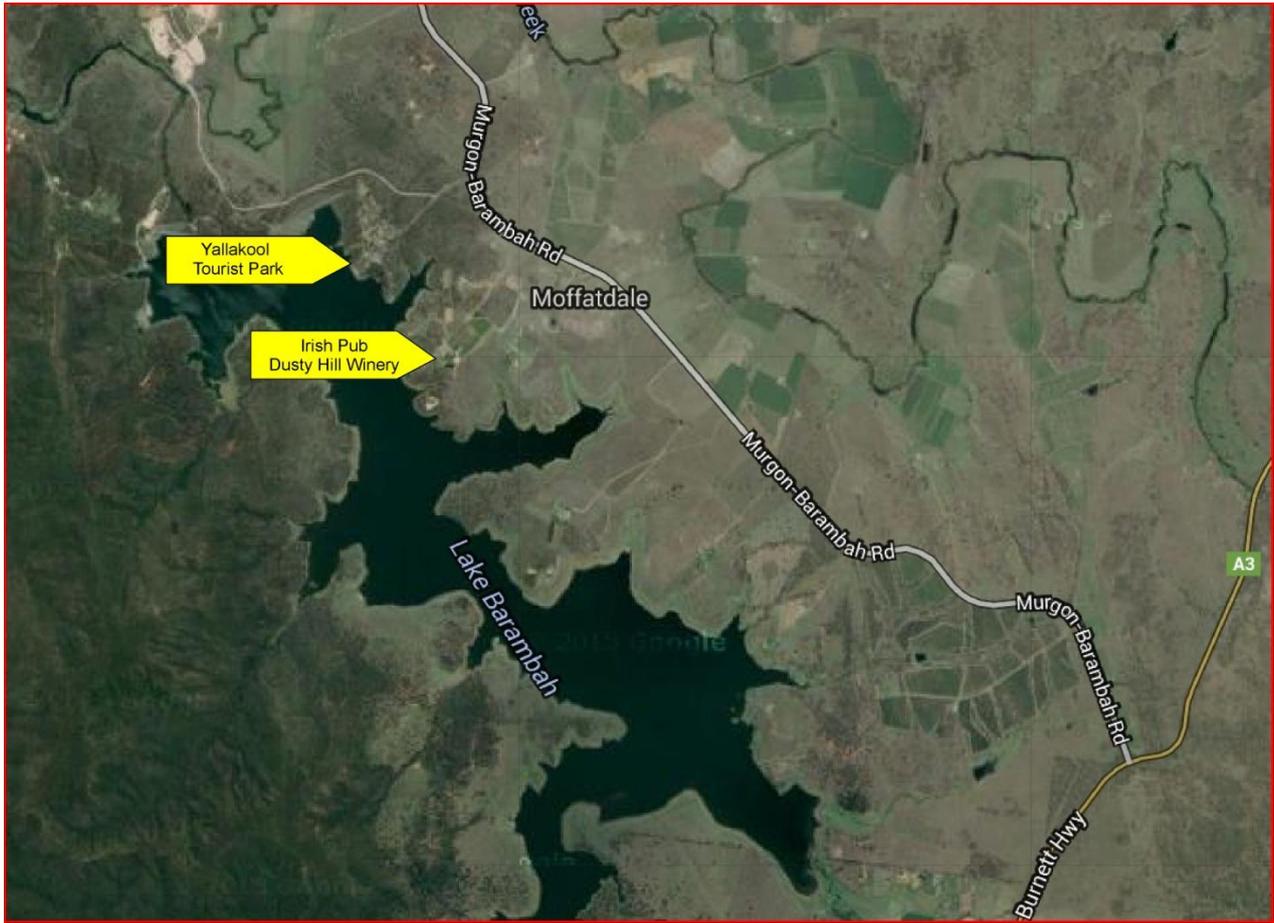
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Bjelke-Petersen Map



The Editor's Notes

February has been an exciting month for wind surfers, because I am sure that they are the only people who could have enjoyed the wild and windy conditions. There was a time however, when the wind was still, the sun was shining and quite a few of our members ventured off shore in search of the big one.

It takes a certain type of person who can sit in a boat for twelve hours trolling skirted or hard-body lures at walking pace, hoping for a fish to come up from the depths and eat it. Not everybody enjoys this type of fishing because some of us maintain that it can become quite boring.

Frustrating maybe but never boring. I had the opportunity to view a twenty minute video that was taken from a GoPro which was attached to the end of a line and positioned beside some skirted lures. The video showed a number of fish including: Tuna, Yellow Tail Kingfish, Cobia, Marlin, and Sailfish, that all swam up to the lures to investigate and then swim away. This video proved that there are hundreds of fish down there, very keen to attack the lures but only if you have the correct type, shape, size, colour and action.

I am not sure how anyone can suggest that trolling can become boring. I can honestly say that I am constantly busy either looking for birds, current lines, movement, bait, water temperature, and any other sign to indicate the fish's whereabouts, as well as ensuring that you have positioned the lures in exactly the right place to maximise the visibility and that is all, after you have made the decision as to which lure will suite the current weather conditions.

Well, all that aside, we did have a good number of members out there trolling the other day. Richard Caldararo had a big crew with Ron Russell and George Dragon. "Business Time" headed straight out to Hutchison's Shoal and it didn't take long for the reels to get into the action. I love the way that George gets relegated to act as the driver while Richard pulls in a great looking Amberjack. If the line hadn't broken Ron would still be chasing his fish to Tasmania. After the successful boarding of the Amberjack, George had the opportunity to stretch his muscles in a great fight with a Wahoo.



It looks like Richard's fish was well and truly bled while George's fish had not yet felt the fury of Richard's knife.

Frank was entertaining one of his mates who had not felt the power of the summer screamers and started trolling just north of Flinders' Reef. Kip (the Decky) is a few years younger and quickly found a flock of birds diving into the water just a few hundred meters off to the west, so they slowly trolled up

to them. All of a sudden one of the reels went off followed by another and then another. Three fish at once and only two fishermen. Life could be worse. Sadly they only caught two out of the three but it was still very early. As the day went on the boys ended up with too many fish and two or three had to be returned to the ocean depths. It all came at a cost though as Frank lost five lures.



Two very similar looking fish and both great table fish. Both species can hit your lure in excess of sixty kilometres per hour and both have the ability to amputate an unsuspecting finger in a fraction of a second.

It appears that Michael and Keith were playing around with some baby fish until they heard all the action over the radio. Half the day had passed before Mike decided to head up to Hutchies. It may well be that he made the smartest decision because it didn't take long for them to get into the action with a double hook-up. It didn't seem to matter where Mike and Keith went, because they soon caught up with the rest of our crew even though it was after eight o'clock in the morning. It was really great to see so many members of our club enjoying the day with the added benefit of a few real fish.



Mike and Keith showing that the late morning session still produces the goods.

Our Treasurer has also been adding a few records to his list. Although not a rare species, Giant Herring are not normally caught in the southern areas of Queensland, but it appears that Trevor doesn't abide by the rules. Some of his more recent catches include Swallow Tail Dart, which are normally caught in the surf, but Trevor catches them at Cook's Rocks. Cobia, and Snapper have also been added to the list but Trevor's real passion is Flathead.



Trevor Plant showing off a rare Giant Herring and well as a couple of his favourite fish

You have most probably heard the term fishing fanatic but have never really been able to qualify what the term really means. Many of you will have heard about Richard Caldararo's episodes and how he fishes almost anywhere or anytime but there is one of us that surpasses all the others when it comes to focus. Once Ron Russell focuses on something, you can bet he will achieve it.

When you decide to fish for Jew, it means that you are willing to throw away all logical reasoning. Ron is very lucky that he lives in a climate that doesn't jeopardise the health of the fisherman because there are people who will sit for days in the middle of winter in freezing conditions for just one Jew.

Ron has been trying for months to catch a Jew out of the Pumicestone Passage and although he has been successful on a couple of occasions, most of the fish have been a bit too small. After studying the conditions, the rain and wind together with the moon phases and tide times, Ron decided to paddle out to the middle of the Passage and drop a line.



Congratulations Ron for finally catching your targeted species. It hasn't been easy but the rewards are fantastic and the smile says it all.

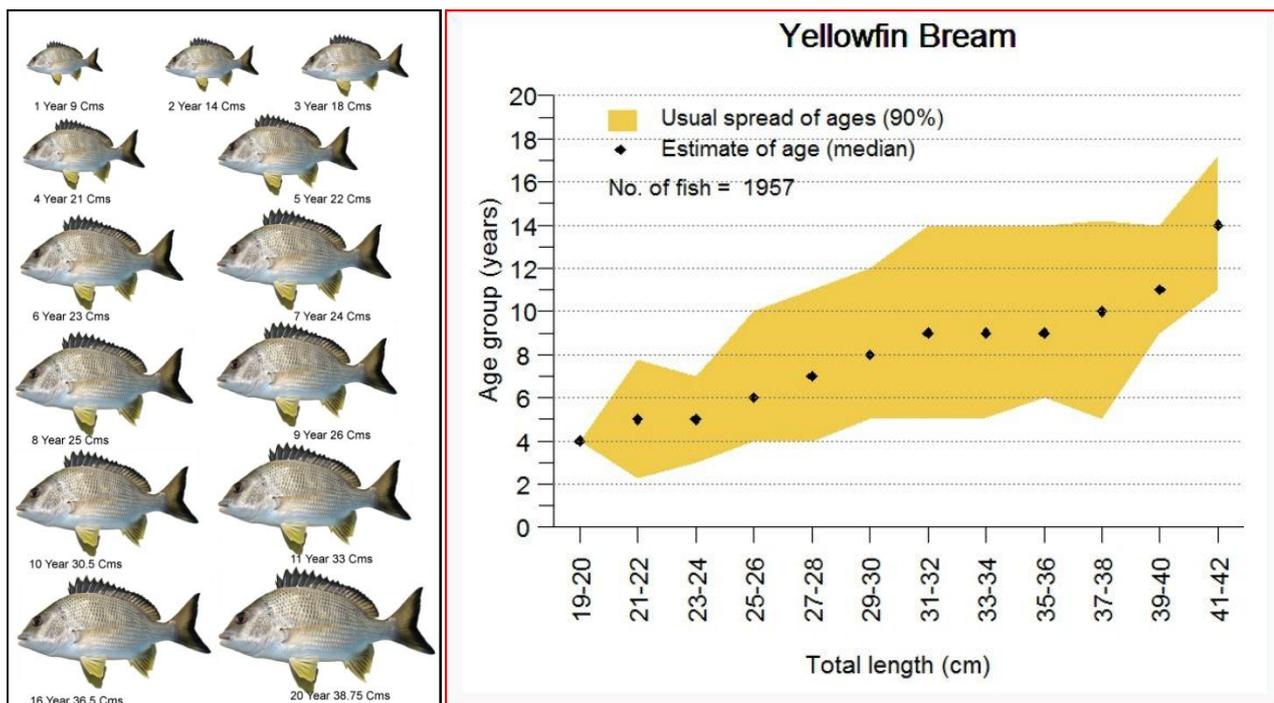
DID YOU KNOW?

Many of us have been catching Bream since we were old enough to hold a fishing rod but have you ever wondered how old your Bream were? The past twenty years has seen a real change in the way we fish and this is mainly because we all realise that the number of fish has declined. Just listening to some of the older members of the club telling stories of massive fish being caught off our beaches or Spanish Mackerel being caught in the passage makes you realize that times have changed.

It was obvious that something needed to be done before most of the fish disappeared forever. Size take and possession limits certainly played a big part in the overall conservation of our fish species but maybe the most important change that has saved the majority of fish in our waters is the practise of catch and release fishing.

There is nothing wrong with taking a few fish home for the table, but the days of bringing home one hundred Bream after a night in the Jumpinpin are definitely gone. I have noticed that the number and size of most species that were here fifteen years ago have diminished to the point where many of the species like Red Emperor and Coral Trout have all but disappeared from Moreton Bay although the artificial reefs do now have a good population of juvenile Red Emperor.

I thought that I would take the opportunity of this medium to let you know the size and corresponding age of the everyday Bream, not to dissuade you from catching a few for the pot ,but just as a matter of interest.



Both Graphs are slightly conflicting but on an average it works out that a 1kg bream is approximately 15 - 20 years old depending on the location. An interesting biological fact about yellow fin bream is that most fish change sex, from male to female, during their life.

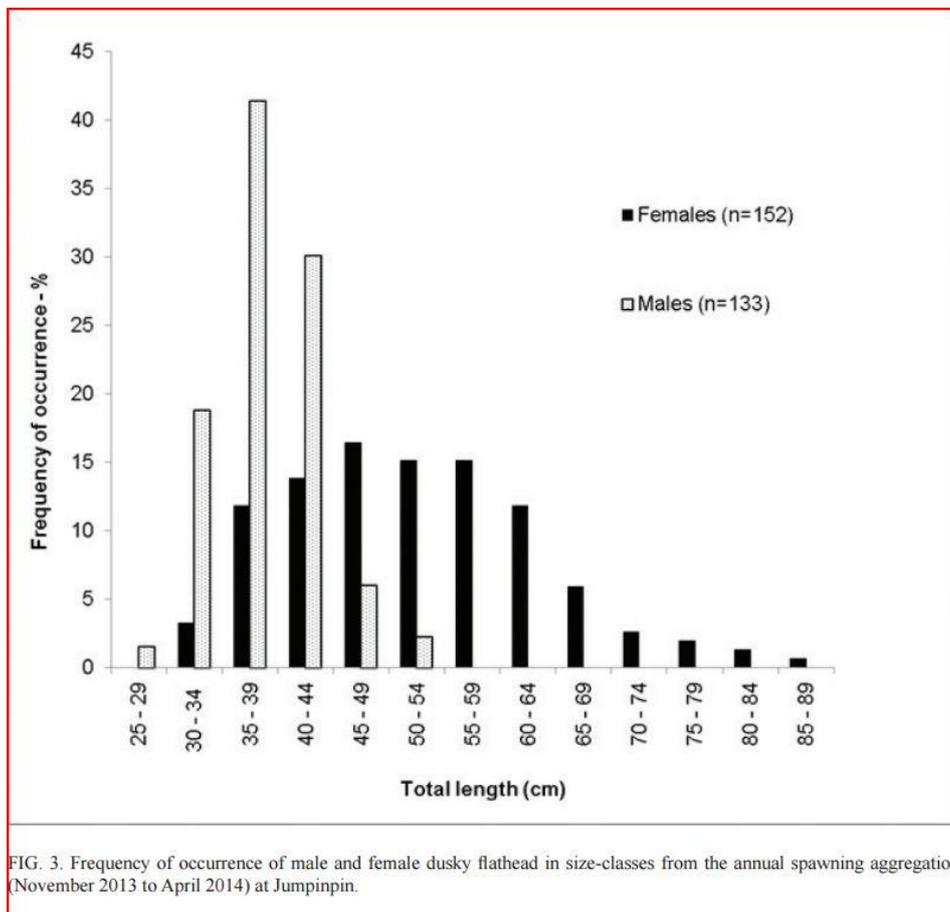
After I wrote this bit of interesting information about the Yellowfin Bream I thought it only fair that I research a few facts for Trevor Plant.

Dusky Flathead

Unlike the Yellowfin Bream, Flathead are thought to stay as they were born, either male or female and no proof has been found to suggest that they change sex as they grow in size. Male Dusky Flathead seem to become sexually mature at approximately 32cm and females at 57cm. This corresponds to an age of 1.22 years for males and 4.55 years for females.

During a study of Dusky Flathead captured in the Jumpinpin, the largest female was measured at 98.5cm (7.5kg) and the oldest was estimated to be 16yrs, whereas the largest male was 61.5cm and 11 years. If the legal length was 38cm then it would protect approximately 5% of female and 75% of male spawning populations.

If the legal length of Dusky Flathead were to be raised to say 57cms can you see that most of the captured fish would be females and at that length many females would not be sexually mature. It is also a fact that females grow faster and attain a greater length than males, so if we only had a minimum size of around 57cms, most of the captured fish would be females which could upset the balance. Although some females will be captured a minimum size of 38cms and a maximum of 75cms will allow the females a greater opportunity to breed.



Dusky Flathead normally spawn where estuaries meet the ocean during the summer months from November to April.