

FISH 'N' TIPS

MAY 2019



PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2019

Hi Everyone,

Just a short report this month as everything seems to be coming together smoothly as the committee strives to stay on top of our events and our normal raffle roster on Thursday evenings at the RSL.

Winter is notorious for a quieter time at the RSL so why not just come down to support your club for a drink, maybe dinner and of course a raffle or two.

Maroochydore as usual provided a great couple of days away with some great fish caught, great food and especially the social event of the weekend. Thanks to all who made this so.

Up and coming things to remember are the Christmas in July, Coffee at Spinnakers' and of course the Outback Spectacular.

Regards Keith



Brian and Nicole Eyre have opened their new business, "McCormack's Meats" at Banksia Beach Shopping Village. Brian and Nicole have lived on Bribie Island for many years and their new shop offers quality meat at a great price to our local community. This includes home delivery absolutely free, Monday to Saturday.



Have a look at the size of the new meat trays that everyone is raving about.

The Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club has decided to use McCormack's Meats exclusively for all their meat

WEIGHMASTER'S REPORT

APRIL 2019

From stifling heat to icy cold in just a week. How are the fish going to react and what species should I be targeting? What bait should I be using and where should I be looking for that big fish?

If you just enjoy fishing and spending time on the water, these questions will never arise. Just place a prawn on your hook and see what happens, but for many of us that is never enough.

Richard Caldararo has always and will always be a fanatical fisherman and lately he has been targeting big Snapper in the passage.

Dr. Ben Diggles has certainly had an effect on many of us after his extremely informative presentation and Richard has was just one of his students.

Richard has been fishing near one of Ben's restoration projects at the change of tide using small live bait and has landed quite a few snapper up to 3.8kg.

Loris Roubin has been fishing with Ben who has shown him how to catch a 4kg Pearl Perch and Mike Phillips has been prompted to write to a number of political representatives asking why Ben has not had to support that is needed to further this proven method of restoring the fish population to our waters.

That is the biggest reaction we have ever had to any of our speakers. Thank you Ben.

June is a specific species month whereby the inshore fishers need to concentrate on Bream and Tarwhine and the offshore members will have to catch pearl perch to qualify for the June weigh-in.

Caloundra 12 mile will be a great place to start looking. Head off to approximately 40 meters and look for the bait. Apparently its everywhere. Drop your bait until it is just off the bottom for best results.



The results for the March competition are as follows:

INSHORE

Ladies winner: *Carole Winnett* **28 Points**

Ladies Runner-Up: *Meg Johnson* **25 Points**

Men's Winner: *Trevor Plant* **60 Points**

Men's Runner-up: *Ron Winnett* **56 Points**

OFFSHORE

Men's Winner: *Max West* **155.85 Points**

Men's Runner-up: *Peter McGruddy* **43.1 Points**

FRESH WATER

Men's Winner: *Max West* **60.4 Points**

Men's Runner-Up: *Amrat Chauhan* **59.55 Points**

Lucky Draw: *Trevor Bourke*

**Please send all your weigh-in sheets to
John Davis for the June Competition**



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BRIBIE ISLAND RSL SOCIAL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2019

JUNE

Mon 10th June
Queen's Birthday
Sun 16th June
24th May - 28th June
Sun 30th June

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm
Coffee at Spinnakers-Morning Tea
Inshore Monthly Comp - Bream
Offshore Monthly Comp - Pearl Perch
Bowls afternoon (Pizza) Sports Club
Weigh in – Friday 28th 6pm

JULY

Mon 8th July
Sat 27th July
28th June – 26th July
Sun 28th July

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
Christmas in July Woorim Golf Club
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
BBQ 3:00pm Sports Club SOUP DAY
Weigh in – Friday 26th 6pm

AUGUST

Mon 12th August
26th July – 23rd Aug
Sun 25th August

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
Outback Spectacular Matinee Session
Weigh in – Friday 23rd 6pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 9th September
Sun 15th September
23rd Aug – 27th Sep
Sun 29th 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 – Friday 27th 6pm

OCTOBER

Mon 14th October
Fri 11th - Sun 13th
27th Sep - 25th Oct
Sat 26th October

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm
Tweed or Rainbow Beach (weekend away)
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
Pig on Spit (Venue – TBA)
Weigh in – Friday 25th 6pm

NOVEMBER

Tue 5th November
Mon 11th November
Wed 13th - Thu 14th November
25th Oct - 15th Nov
Sun 24th November

Thursday night raffles RSL Club
Melbourne Cup
Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm
Somerset 2 Day Freshwater Comp (Wednesday & Thursday) Jack Daley & Otto Scott Trophy Comp
Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps (2 Weigh-ins only)
BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club
Weigh in – Friday 15th 6pm

DECEMBER

Sat 7th December
13th December
15th Nov – 31st Dec

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

*Members Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Anzac room of the RSL Club the second Monday of the month

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4th September

9th October

6th November

29th November



Maroochydore - A weekend Away

One of our more enjoyable trips away is the weekend at Maroochy River Bungalows which is normally planned just after Mother's Day. All the Bungalows have recently been renovated as they were starting to look a bit tired so there was a new feeling of excitement as the trip away drew nearer.

The Cabin draw had been completed but it wasn't just the riverside members who were excited. It appears that everyone happy with the results of the draw to the point where about sixteen of our members decided to book the bungalows for the Thursday night as well.

The weather was perfect. Not too hot and not too cold, although there were a few showers about but that didn't deter some of the fishing fanatics from launching their boats to search for that special spot.

It was just after 6:00pm when everyone started walking to the hotel for dinner. The senior's meal was more than enough to satisfy even the hungriest member of our team with just enough room for a delightful dessert.

It seems that a few wines wasn't enough to warm your insides so they boys needed a couple of bottles of rum to complete the evening's frivolities.

The next morning had seen the sun for quite a few hours before the noises started and one by one the boats headed off in search of the big ones.

It was just before lunch when the rest of the members started to arrive and everyone seemed to be very happy with the quality of their accommodation.

The shoreline in front of the bungalows had transformed into a mass of boats of all sizes with everyone carefully placing their anchors into a position where the boats wouldn't collide. Even Nigel George finally positioned his beautiful boat after draining all the water from the hull.



Funny how there seemed to be a lot of space around Sea Hunter. Gary and Lynn Hunter had recently moved to the Sunshine Coast so it was good to see that they took part in the activities. Even though Gary was moving quite slowly the pain was not enough to prevent him from taking part in the fishing competition.

The sun was still below the horizon when the first boat left the shore and it wasn't long before the remainder of our fishing fanatics were stirring the muddy water.

Gary and Eleanor were first timers so they putted gently towards the mouth of the mighty Maroochy, with obviously no idea what they were doing. All the rest knew where they were going so it was pretty obvious that someone had led Gary and Eleanor up the garden path.

There were plenty of little fish to be caught but it seemed that all the big ones were hiding until Rosemary latched onto a monster. Rosemary fought the fish for a long time as Trevor chased it all over the area with the boat until a massive mulloway finally came on board.

Rosemary's smile soon turned into a look of disbelief as Trevor stated that the 74 centimeter jew was a mere centimeter under the legal length. A small tear formed under Rosemary's eye and slowly rolled down her cheek before she wiped it away and continued to fish. Any other considerate husband would have used a rolling pin to lengthen the fish that tiny amount needed to allow rosemary to weigh in the biggest fish she had ever caught.



Bribie Family Dental

Mike Phillips was seen frantically pumping yabbies from the shore just outside the cabins as George and Chris looked on in disbelief.



The competition had been scheduled to end at 4:00pm but many of the participants had already gathered to the weigh-in station by 3:30pm to witness the event.

Surprisingly, there were quite a few good bream and flathead appearing out of the eskies with most of them swimming away unharmed after being weighed.

Gary and Eleanor were one of the last to arrive back at the cabins and it appeared that Gary had a rather big grin on his face as he presented a couple of large flathead. It seems that the many years of maritime experience had finally paid off.



The Results of the Competition are as follows:

Heaviest Bag

1st Prize Ron Winnett	3.83kg
2nd Prize Gary Voss	1.87kg
3rd Prize John Davis	1.055kg

Heaviest Fish

1st Prize Ron Winnett	2.105kg
2nd Prize Alison Herring	1.045kg
3rd Prize Gary Voss	1.04 kg

Smallest Fish and Lightest Bag

Eleanor Voss	.18kg
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Lucky Draw

Vic Herring

Friday

Pre-competition Winner

Keith Kable 2kg Flathead \$5:00 Scratchie



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 great 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?”



Ron Winnett wins the Heaviest Bag



Rosemary Blyth— A very happy but unlucky girl



Gary Voss Wins 2nd Heaviest Bag



Eleanor Voss happy to win two wooden spoons



Alison Herring wins the 3rd Heaviest fish



Vic Herring wins the Lucky Draw







Maroochy River Bungalows



Waiting for Rosemary



Peter McGruddy coming in to weigh his fish



Pain Relief for Gary's Knee



John Casey and Ron Winnett lifting out the massive fish



Dinner at the pub

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BRIBIE PASSAGE KIOSK & BOAT HIRE

Map labels: Silver Shes Caravan Park, Kaitiaki Kiosk, BRIBIE PASSAGE KIOSK & BOAT HIRE, Caloundra, Brisbane Island, Caloundra, Scenic Drive Marina, Caloundra - Bribie Island Rd.



Friday Night's Dinner at the Pub



Afternoon Drinks



A lavish dinner for two





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 \$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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Rosemary Just Missed Out.

Well, it was Thursday morning before the yearly pilgrimage to Maroochydore for some good fun and the hope of catching a fish.

The boat was hooked up to the back of the car and I was deciding what fishing gear to take. Noting that the Bream at in the Maroochy River are used to the hordes of fisher persons trying to catch them and are very wily, I decided to take my light 3kg outfit which has been very successful around Bribie.

But what about Rosemary who doesn't mind a fish but many trips end up with her up the front of the boat reading a good book or doing a crossword puzzle. Well, I pulled out a very light Shimano outfit that was originally to be a Christmas present for one of her grandchildren but somehow was left out as it was decided that they already had enough presents to fill the back of a ute.

The day of the competition was upon us and we headed out on the water at around 7.30 in the morning. We tried under the bridge, in front of the Maroochydore Sailing Club, down towards the mouth only to find sand and fish that were ideal for an aquarium.

After me whinging, we headed upstream to find a spot that already had 3 club members fishing in it. After undersized bream, undersized flat head & several large catfish, poor Rosemary was getting fed up with her husband's whinging. "Look we are here for a nice day out, it is not raining, you are getting some action so be grateful for what you have got" she grunted.

Anyway, we decided to move upstream further and found a bit of a deep hole at the end of one of the islands. Again, undersized bream, flathead and 1 large catfish.

Around 40 minutes had passed and Rosemary with the light cheap Shimano outfit suddenly had something rapidly pulling off line as the little reel was singing. Did Rose panic? Most definitely not and with the calmness of a professional let whatever it was on the end have its run while maintaining perfect tension on the line. Realizing that what she had was no stingray, I pulled the anchor up and gave chase.

Well after around 15 minutes, the creature was close to the boat, and Rosemary still maintaining perfect tension, brought a big silvery shape to the side of boat where it was promptly netted by her disbelieving husband. A nice Jewie otherwise known as a Mulloway.

Rosemary was ecstatic. Clearly this was the biggest fish she had caught and to catch it on gear that was ill equipped for the purpose was a feat in itself. Now for the moment of truth and out came the rule. Hmm 74.5cms where the legal length for a Jewie is 75cm. Rosemary's face just dropped with disappointment. Then questioning her husband's knowledge of fish sizes, Rosemary proceeded to google minimum lengths. "Look the minimum length for a Jewfish is 70cms" she said, but after being told it was for NSW & not Qld, her face dropped again. Makes you wonder why there is no consistency on minimum fish lengths across the states.

Well the law is the law, and a stunned Rosemary lifted an equally stunned Jewie back into the water where with one flick of the tail disappeared in the murky depths. But not after a photo was taken. Yes, another half a centimetre more and Rosemary would have blitzed the comp. But all was not lost as she did catch a flathead & a grunter that were both legal and were good enough to take out 3rd prize in the Women's section. However most importantly, Rosemary has the memory of a lifetime and the photo to prove it and that's what fishing is all about.



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Loris caught this 4kg pearl perch in his secret spot



Richard Caldararo and Jemma with another big snapper



Another Ballina haul



Massive mullet on the Ballina Fishing Charter



The Fishing Club

By Bruce Carey

I joined a fishing club to catch some fishes,
And to catch a whopper would be one of my biggest wishes,
To have my name in that record book alongside Frank's,
I would be eternally grateful and for ever giving thanks.

I know what I will have to do to get my name in writing,
Even if I could catch a record winning winter whiting,
I went to Somerset to chase my wish,
But I got a record for the smallest bloody fish.

The Presidents name is Mr Kable,
A friendly helpful bloke who is more than able,
The king of Pebble Beach well his name is Trevor,
He watches over the Clubs money so he must be pretty clever.

If I ever have the pleasure of fishing with John Davis,
I hope that Air Sea Rescue never have to come and save us.

Make a stuff up I can't do that,
Otherwise I will have to wear that stupid bloody hat,
You are a great mob and a lot of fun,
So don't forget to cover up if you go out in the sun.



Mike Phillips with a massive Grassy Sweetlip



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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.

Shearwaters, (aka) Muttonbirds

The larger Flesh-footed Shearwater



Over the Winter months, you may be fortunate enough to see huge flocks of Shearwaters either flying just above the waves or floating on the water while feeding or resting. These flocks are usually seen quite close to shore from the beach at Woorim, out in Moreton Bay itself or offshore from Cape Moreton. Most of these birds will have come from N.Z. where their breeding occurred during Summer.

There are 16 species of shearwater that are found around Australia. Of those, we have 5 species showing up in our local waters. These can be broken down into 2 distinct groups. One group consists of birds which are quite large in size, are basically dark brown all over and fly with a leisurely flap of the wings between long glides across the waves. There are 3 species in this group :- Flesh-footed Shearwater, Wedge-tailed Shearwater & Short-tailed Shearwater. Deciding the identity of these can be rather difficult.

The 2nd group comprises 2 species - Fluttering Shearwater and Hutton's Shearwater. These birds are considerably smaller than the darker species above, with sections of white on the underwings and a full white stomach and undertail area. They also fly with a faster wing action with long sweeping banks well above water while gliding. It is this group of birds that form the large mixed flocks to be seen around here.

Shearwaters will often follow boats, looking for discards to eat. Their usual diet consists of small baitfish, floating crustaceans and krill, squid and cuttlefish, the spat of molluscs and even plankton. They will dive to a depth of 4-5 metres while chasing their food. A little known fact is that shearwaters will often follow migrating whales and pods of dolphin, looking for the small fish and krill disturbed by those larger mammals.



Fluttering Shearwater

Lastly, if you are lucky to see a large flock this winter, I would appreciate a quick phone call advising me of their location.

Brian

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Department of
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21 MAY 2019

Mr Ron Russell
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Dear Mr Russell

I refer to your email of 12 April 2019 to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, about wearing a seatbelt when operating a vehicle on a boat ramp. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

The requirement in the Queensland Road Rules to wear a seatbelt only applies to drivers and passenger in motor vehicles. They do not apply to a person in a boat while it is being loaded onto a trailer at a boat ramp. However, for safety reasons, a person must not be in or on the trailer (or boat) while it is being towed. This offence currently attracts an on-the-spot fine of \$226 and three demerit points. A maximum penalty of \$2,611 applies if the matter is referred to court.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Martin Lietzow, Policy Advisor on 3066 2935.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Mahon
General Manager (Land Transport Safety & Regulation)

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