

FISH 'N' TIPS

MAY 2023



President's Report



Hello everyone.

Just when I thought the wet and cold and wind had left us for a while it came back. But we did manage to get a day competition in at Maroochydore, and I'll mention that in a short story later in this newsletter.

All things in the club are progressing nicely, and chicken and chips was a great success at the end of last month. Our general meeting also went well, and a special thanks to Therese Lee for helping the ladies from our local ambulance committee at their CPR presentation on the night. We gave them a



Keith presents our local ambulance committee ladies with a donation

donation of \$250.00 in lieu of payment which was greatly appreciated.

I believe John White is going to give a short lecture on the amalgamation of VMR and Coast Guard after our May general meeting, which is back to normal time of 7pm on Monday 15th May.

A quiet month of fishing last month, owing to the inclement weather, but the bream should come on the bite soon.

We said farewell to Frank and Sheila at the last BBQ day with a small gift of appreciation and as I had given Sheila an orchid a few years ago, it was decided that as they were moving to a tree change, a couple of citrus trees would be in order. We wished them all the best in their quests and health and hope to see them at trophy night. I'm sure you would be welcomed at their new abode in Gatton when all the unpacking is finalised.

We don't have a lot on for the remainder of the month but please remember the RSL raffle nights are always a chance to win a voucher or two and to tell a few fishing stories.

The end of month BBQ is 3pm Sunday 28th May so stay safe and well til next we talk.



Editor's Notes

Hi everyone,

Well, what a difference a month makes, as far as getting articles and photos for the newsletter goes. Away trips and competitions help too, with lots of people taking photos and sending them on to me.

So I'll take this opportunity to say thanks to everyone who contributed to this (and each) newsletter, it is really appreciated, as it is mainly your contributions that help make the difference between a publication with just upcoming events, and dates and times, and something that is a bit more interesting to many people, and hopefully, worth a read.

I will add, that if you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter, if you get it to me by the weekend before the general club meeting of the month, it will most likely get into that month's newsletter. It doesn't matter if you don't, your article or photos will just appear in the next month's edition. The meetings are usually on the 2nd Monday of the month.

The Maroochy trip was very successful, with flathead being the main catch. Keith has written an interesting piece once again on this topic, and I have a few pages with photos further in this newsletter, covering that event.

Don't forget the BBQ coming up on the 28th is at 3pm again not 4pm. And make sure you get your weigh-in sheets to Richard by Friday 26th to be included in the May comp.

That's all for this month, see you at the meeting.

Alison

Send your contributions to me at

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**So I saw an old dude with a fishing rod outside my local bar fishing in a puddle. He looked so cold!
I said to him: "Come in for a drink and get warm".
As we sipped our double whiskeys, I thought I would humour him.
I asked him: "How many have you caught today?"
He replied: "You are the 8th"!**

Front page photo

This month's page 1 pic is of Tony Jericevich with his 10kg-plus Golden Trevally, caught in early May.



Weighmaster's Report

April 2023 Monthly Comp

Total No of fish Weighed In - 68

Richard Holmes—Weighmaster

Men's inshore (48 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Points |
|--------|------------------|--------|
| Winner | Michael Phillips | 61 |
| 2nd | Ron Winnett | 46 |
| 3rd | Keith Kable | 33 |
| 4th | Coll Callander | 28 |
| 5th | John Casey | 27 |
| 6th | Bruce Carey | 19 |
| 7th | Tony Jericevich | 10 |
| 8th | Greg Hannay | 10 |
| 9th | Trevor Bourke | 3 |

Men's Offshore (10 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Points |
|--------|------------------|--------|
| Winner | Amrat Chauhan | 67 |
| 2nd | Michael Phillips | 38.775 |

Junior Inshore (6 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Points |
|--------|--------------|--------|
| Winner | Riley Nguyen | 46 |
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Sub-Junior Inshore (4 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Points |
|--------|--------------|--------|
| Winner | Aiden Nguyen | 32 |
| | | |

Lucky Draw

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|---------------|
| Name |
| Trevor Bourke |

Weighstations

The following people have agreed to be "weigh-in-stations" for club members wishing to weigh and measure their latest catch.

Please call before turning up on their front door step with a bucket of smelly fish.

Richard Holmes (weighmaster) - Bongaree 0419 668 751

Ron and Carole - Bongaree 0418 881 419

John & Jillian - Bongaree 0417795584

Keith and Julie - Sandstone Point 0419 644 709

ANZAC Day

By Keith Kable - April 2023



Trevor Bourke with our wreath

In keeping with our close association with the Bribie RSL, we asked our ex-serviceman Trevor Bourke to lay our wreath at the recent ANZAC Day service. This was the largest following of people since COVID and was an exceptional service and march.

Trevor follows on from our other members such as Josie Scott, Valentina Crump, and Ron Winnett who are all Life Members of our club, as well as continuing support from Steve Burns and all our club members on this solemn day of remembrance.



Wire statues outside the RSL Club



Lest We Forget

Bruce's Mystery Fish

By Bruce Carey - April 2023

It was a perfect day when three fishermen headed offshore for a day's fishing. The stable Stabicraft glided across the glass-like sea. Skipper Loris plotted his course. All Tony and I had to do was to enjoy the ride.

Our first stop was to catch some livies, then off to the FADs.

The dolphin fish were on, so much so that I even landed my first one. Once the dolphin fish moved on, so we also moved on to bottom bash.

It wasn't too long before I landed a fish.

"That's a pretty fish", quipped Loris.

"But what is it?" I asked.

"Not sure", was the reply, "but it could be a club record".

Well, the next step was to identify this mystery fish. I took the fish's photo and sent it off to 12 of my knowledgeable mates to identify.

"This will solve the problem", or so I thought, as I got 12 different answers in reply.

Skipper Loris came to the rescue with his fish ID app. No doubt now, as the app photo matched mine 100%. Mystery finally solved. This so-called pretty fish is a Krasnyukova's Perch.

My thanks to Loris for solving the mystery and a great day fishing.



Bruce and Loris display the 'mystery fish'



Evan's Head

By Keith Kable - April 2023

This is just a short story about mental health.



Keith & John with two pearl perch

A lot of people may never have this touch them, as I hadn't until recently, when John, a 50-year plus long-term friend of Julie's and myself rang me and informed us about ongoing facial cancer of his wife of 45 years. This is the second bout, and they were given the all-clear after 5 years, but it returned with a vengeance. Knowing him and working with him over the 50 years, I had a feeling that all was not well in his mind, so I suggested we meet and have a coffee or a drink. And so I ended up staying at his Brisbane River Queenslander for a couple of days.

As I expected, he was battling with the possible outcome of further surgery.

He has never fished, so I was surprised by him suggesting that we do a fishing charter. This I could help him with, so I arranged a charter out of Evan's Head, which, as a lot of members

know, can produce good fish at any time of the year.

So on to Evan's Head we go in his new BMW, to try our luck. A night's stay at the cabins at the Bowling Club, and as he won a brekky tray at the Bowlo, we had a hearty breakfast and onto the boat ("Pirate") at 5.30am. There were four others on the boat as well, but I was the only fisherman of 4 previous trips. Two hours out and we were onto some reasonable snapper by NSW sizes. I could see by the smile on my friend's face that maybe this was all he needed to get his mojo back. We caught 35 fish that day, mostly by my mate and myself, so after cleaning, filleting, and packing and splitting 6 ways, we all went and had a coldie at the local hotel and parted our ways.



"Where do we start?"

We stayed again at the Bowlo and headed home early next morning.



Cleaning the fish

On our way back we talked mainly about life, his current mood swings, drinking and family life in general. This may not seem much to most people, but if a small help-out to a friend does some good then it's a small price to pay in life. He is still talking about his fishing trip, and we think this may have helped him move past some problems which were arising.

Most times the fish are the bonus, but in this case, I think friendship won.

BBQs at TOC-H



Trish hands Loris his pie at the April BBQ afternoon.

These are held on the last Sunday of each month. The next BBQ will be on Sunday 28th May at 3pm, (Please note time change for winter months), and will be manned by Meg & Brian Johnson and Carmel & Amrat Chauhan

Your annual membership fee covers the cost of all BBQs

It is a BYO venue 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.bribierslfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html

or just use Google maps on your phone.

We said farewell to Frank and Sheila at the April BBQ with a presentation of 2 citrus trees and a wooden plaque.



Weighmaster Report on Maroochy River Competition May 2023

Total No of fish weighed in - 12 fish

by Richard Holmes & John Davis

Mens Competitors (12 fish weighed in)

| Species | Name | Weight |
|----------|----------------|--------|
| Flathead | John Casey | 1.696 |
| Flathead | John Casey | .766 |
| Bream | John Casey | .334 |
| Bream | Greg Hannay | .477 |
| Flathead | Rob Hinkley | .466 |
| Flathead | Richard Holmes | .525 |
| Flathead | Keith Kable | 1.914 |
| Bream | Keith Kable | .553 |
| Flathead | Mike Phillips | .746 |
| Bream | Mike Phillips | .389 |
| Bream | Ron Winnett | .359 |

Lucky Draw

| Name |
|-----------------|
| Tony Jericevich |

Mens Heaviest Fish (12 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Weight |
|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Winner | Keith Kable - Flathead | 1.914 |
| 2nd | John Casey - Flathead | 1.696 |
| 3rd | John Casey - Flathead | .766 |

Mens Heaviest Bag (6 fish weighed in)

| Place | Name | Weight |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| Winner | John Casey | 2.796 |
| 2nd | Keith Kable | 2.467 |
| 3rd | Mike Phillips | 1.135 |

Sunshine, light winds perfect fishing conditions but not many fish. A vast improvement on last year, where all boats never left the boat trailer due to the inclement weather.

We had a couple of great nights socializing at the pub on site.

It is generally very hard work to catch anything in the way of quantity out of the river. A number of good sized flathead were coaxed out of the shallows by the well skilled core of experts as borne out by the results.

A group of the ladies hit the Sunshine Plaza and brought back a bus full of bargains.

Maroochydore Trip 2023

Part 1

By Keith Kable

Just a short drive up the highway, a large contingent of our fishing members annually attempt to catch the fabulous Maroochy River flathead and bream. This has been an ongoing adventure that only a few

have achieved. Normally the wind, rain and cold snaps confine us to failure, but this year a couple of anglers were successful.

A few couples as usual, ventured up a day early, which gave them a day to prepare and endeavour to find that golden spot for comp day. This of course was futile as usual.

A hearty meal around the rear of cabin 4 for the first night and a light refreshment soon turned the tales to fishing, and members' thoughts and plans for the comp.

With no rain forecast, many were going to try their luck the next morning. Many questions were asked that night over dinner, and very few answers were given in the positive.

Rising early and awaiting on my new partner to arrive I had the opportunity to recall a few flathead spots that had produced a few fish over the years, and a plan was formulated.

There were a few different options for fishing this year, with Vic and Alison in a very large canoe, and Tony and Greg the "trolling duo" which could prove a challenge.



Happy Hour on Sunday afternoon



Dawn over the boats on competition day.

A few anglers went down to the main bridge and beyond, but most stayed around the Bli Bli bridge area.

Maroochydoore Trip 2023

Part 2

The weather, although there was a slight breeze, proved to be excellent for the day.

My new skipper, although new to the area, and to river fishing, was like a duck to water, and soon had a keeper flathead, and plenty of just-under bream. But as many of you know, I am a slow starter, but I finish hard.

We were onto our fourth spot when everything fell into place for my flathead.

Wind drops, tide turns, burley drifts onto my line placement on the edge of a bank, and the secret bait,



Some of the ladies chose to fish from the jetty

and the line is screaming off the reel. The skipper is onto the net and the day is nearly done. We did try a few more spots from previous years, but as with others, only immature bream.

The adventure of Maroochy includes not only the fishing, but the social outings of the ladies and of course the fishing ladies, who tried valiantly but to no avail.



Viv holds up her catch of the day

Having had the weigh-in on the waterfront, we were off to the local hotel for dinner and maybe a drink or two after.

Ray Rogers fell foul of a treble hook earlier in the day, so he spent most of his day with doctors to have it removed, including a needle or two and three stitches.

I believe it was a safe trip home for everyone, and all I can say is to get your name on the list for next year as this is a social event not to be missed, and a couple of quality fish are a bonus. Those just-under bream have to grow up someday.

Thank you to all who attended, and also to the organisers.

Tight Lines,

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Maroochydore Trip 2023



Steve and Rob motor back to camp



A couple of members thought they'd have a go at fishing from their canoe



Rob Hinkley proudly shows off his first ever weighed in catch

Maroochydore Trip 2023



John Davis cruises back into the shore



Richard pulls his boat out of the water



Weighmasters Richard and John work out the results over a welcome beer

Maroochydore Trip 2023



Winners!

Keith biggest fish, John heaviest bag



Dinner and presentations at the nearby pub.



Keith and Julie enjoy a drink at cabin 4 after dinner.

Raffles

Our Thursday night raffles at the RSL Club are continuing throughout this 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. Then the draw will be just after 7pm in the Sports Bar.

The roster for May and June is:

18th May - Viv & Steve King and Ony & Loris Roubin

25th May - Viv & Steve King and Ony & Loris Roubin

1st June - Angie Stenning & Steve Burns and Ali & Vic Herring

8th June - Angie Stenning & Steve Burns and Ali & Vic Herring

15th June - Sue & Peter Ledger and Viv & Steve King

22nd June - Sue & Peter Ledger and Viv & Steve King



Along the same lines as the Easter Bunny raffle, we had a Mother's Day bonus raffle which proved once again to be a huge success.



Sharon and Heatherbell at the raffle table

Target-a-species month long competition

Inshore (Bream) & offshore (Pearl Perch) comps

26 May—23rd June

The annual Bream and Pearl Perch month-long competition starts on the 26th May and goes to the 23rd June this year. Which means, for anyone who is not familiar with this comp, that you can only weigh in Bream in the inshore comp, and Pearl Perch in the offshore comp between these dates. You can still catch and keep your Flathead or any other (legal) fish, but you can't weigh them in.



Bream



Pearl Perch

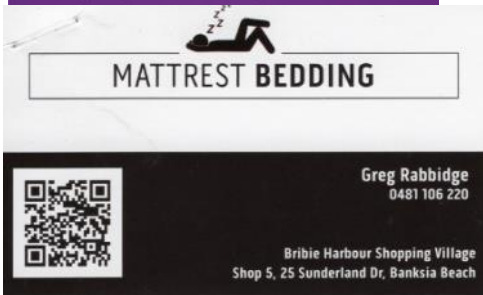
Our Sponsors

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. 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 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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