

# FISH 'N' TIPS

## OCTOBER 2020



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2020

Hello Everyone,

As usual we have a couple of new members receiving this newsletter for the first time, so a warm welcome and please join us at our general meeting on Monday the 9th of November at 7:00 PM in the garden rooms of the RSL.

This is one of the few chances to come along to our Informal get together where you have the opportunity to meet our members and for us to get to know you and your stories. We don't normally have a meeting or barbecue in December as our trophy night is on Saturday the 12th of December 2020 and so time is passing quickly two years end.

Our recent Melbourne Cup Chinese luncheon at Solander Bowls Club went extremely well and not only did many members win sweeps, betting and raffles, but it proved again how social we can be. Congratulations to all prize winners for our "Best Dressed Male, Female, couple and the most fascinating fascinator". I think these photos will appear in the newsletter.

Rainbow Beach away competition, which was very popular again, proved that we can fish away from Bribie.

Thank you to Rosemary again for her work above and

beyond her normal duties.

Fishing offshore has again been quiet with some of our members choosing to use Fishing Charters then their own boats. Please remember to place your names on our registration sheet for the trophy night as this is your last chance before numbers go to the RSL

The Somerset Dam Freshwater Competition is on this week so good fishing to all.

Hope to see you all at the raffle nights before Christmas

*Keith Kable*

**President**



*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 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.*

## WEIGHMASTER'S REPORT

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The end of the 2020 monthly fishing competition is drawing to a close and will finish on **Friday 20th November at 6:00pm**. There is a slight possibility that the inshore competitors can change the outcome of your achievements with just two weeks to go however, the same can not be said for the offshore competition. The inshore competition points are calculated on the heaviest and number of species that are caught whereas the points system for the offshore works mainly on the weight of your fish. Even if you have caught twenty 1kg snapper for the year giving you approximately 200 points a 20kg Wahoo and a couple of Dolphin fish could easily put you in the lead so it might be time to do a bit of trolling if the weather permits.

Well done to Meg Johnson for using all her muscles to drag in that 4:2kg Tuna.

### **Freshwater Competition**

#### **Somerset Dam**

**6:00am—4:00pm Wednesday 11th**

**6:00am—11:00am Thursday 12th**

**November 2020**

This month is also your last chance to take out the Fresh Water competition so start polishing up those shiny lures for the two day competition.



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## Monthly Comp for October 2020

Total No of fish 89

### Ladies Inshore (14 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Patterson Tina	79
Runner up	Johnson Meg	24

### Mens inshore (66 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Plant Trevor	78
Runner up	Patterson Richard	72
3rd	Winnett Ron	54
4th	Carey Bruce	40
5th	Casey John	25
6th	Phillips Mike	10

### Ladies Offshore (1 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Johnson Meg	26.71

### Mens Offshore (8 fish caught)

Place	Name	Points
Winner	Waters Brett	192.605
Runner up	Phillips Michael	33.375

### Lucky Draws



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## Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Ladies best dressed  
Mens best dressed  
Best dressed couple  
Best Fascinator

Dorothy Varsallo  
Vic Herring  
Vic and Allison Herring  
Julie Kable









## *The Rainbow Beach Competition*

I find it extremely difficult to find the appropriate words to describe the lack of service that the administrators of the Rainbow Beach Holiday Park provides. Incompetent, ill mannered and abrupt come into mind, but they just don't seem to fit the arrogance and careless attitude that was shown to our members.

There are not too many businesses out there that can claim such a massive boost to their income during Covid 19 so why should you return phone calls or emails when you have an overabundance of people wishing to book their accommodation for the weekend.

I don't know how Rosemary was able to organise such a fantastic competition under the most trying of circumstances. Well Done Rose.

Enough of the negatives, so on to the good stuff. It seems that most of our members were hoping to stay a few extra nights and somehow they all managed to organise a cabin for the nights. A different cabin every night for some but if you happen to be allocated with a massive lounge room and spa bath, you really couldn't complain too much eh Brian. The quality of the cabins was a vast improvement on the last time we were there and all of the cabins were clean.

The boat ramp has been improved out of sight with enough room for at least three boats. A pontoon has also been provided which makes launching and retrieving a pleasant activity.



It was about 5:30am on Saturday morning when the first of many boats thumped and rattled over the speed bumps just outside our cabin but we had already been awake since 4:30am. You could hear the young children shouting excitedly as they climbed onto the swings.

A hearty plate of bacon and eggs for breakfast and we were ready to face the day. I was fishing with Loris and our plan was to catch just one fish. I had been coming to Rainbow Beach and Fraser Island for over twenty five years and on each occasion you could see large tuna breaking the surface of the water near the ferries. Prizes were to be allocated to the heaviest fish and the heaviest bag so our plan was to catch just one tuna which would win both categories.

A brand new boat ramp has also been constructed near Inskip Point so this was going to give us a big advantage by not having to travel all that way by boat. The weather was perfect and the ocean was glassy as we slid the boat into the water.



The plan had been expertly put into action but somebody forgot to tell the Tuna. I could hear a short discussion between Jim Kennedy and our President which seemed to indicate that Jim was in Keith's favourite spot. I didn't witness the outcome and I don't know where Jim Urquhart and Keith ended up but their boat managed to catch a large Tailor.

Ron Winnett and Michael Phillips followed Teewah Creek upstream for miles and miles until they were attacked by hundreds of tailor. The bream were also on the bite with one or two whiting thrown in for good luck. I think the story of the gigantic flathead that got away was the highlight on the day.

Peter McGruddy showed his talent by catching a large barracuda. A very impressive fish that measured over forty centimeters in length but wasn't heavy enough for the first prize



There was lots of laughter and plenty of fish caught but our tuna never did eventuate.

The prizes were allocated as follows:

## Rainbow Beach Comp October - 2020

**Total No of fish 33**

### Heaviest Bag

Place	Name	Weight-Kg	Quantity
Winner	Phillips Mike	4.340	10
Runner up	Winnett Ron	3.745	9
Third	Kable Keith	2.08	5
Fourth	Urquhart Jim	2.035	4
Fifth	Oostenbroek Frank	.935	3
Sixth	McGruddy Peter	.340	1
Seventh	Chauhan Amrat	.265	1



### Heaviest Fish

Place	Name	Weight Kg
Winner	Urquhart Jim	.91
Runner up	Phillips Mike	.62
Third	Kable Keith	.555



### Lucky Draws

Oostenbroek Frank
Davis John
Kennedy Jim
Johnson Brian
Smith Sue
Herring Vic
Rubin Loris
Rubin Ony
Maatouk Tony
McGruddy Peter



### Smallest Fish

Winnett Ron Whiting = 0.2kg
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### Lightest Bag

Chauhan Amrat Flounder = 0.265Kg
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Lucky Draw Prizes allocated to many of the unsuccessful participants and although we weren't lucky enough to find our tuna, it was really nice to be rewarded for our efforts.

***A Great time with Great people.***



Rainbow Beach Participants

Dinner at the Surf Club



# Random Photos



***Brett Waters caught this 12kg Wahoo at Hutchison's Shoal***



***Elvin Lock shows that you don't even have to leave your pontoon to catch good Flathead***



***Vignesh Naidoo is in the process of building a new home near Loris.***

***Vinny is a master of the soft plastic and proved his talent last week when he caught this monstrous Barred Grunter from the Bongaree Jetty***

## Meg's Biggest fish



The experts tell you that if you have a “Red Sky in the Morning” it is a “Shepard's Warning” and that you need to really watch the weather. Well apparently not every time. The weather turned out to be magnificent although nothing seemed to be chasing the lures.

We had been trolling for over an hour when suddenly one of the reels started screaming. Meg had been sitting in the “Game Chair” so all she had to do was grab the rod and hang on. Tuna have a reputation for being hard fighters, but Meg wasn't quite expecting just how hard they do fight. Every muscle in her body was straining under the pressure, but Meg wasn't giving up. Finally, she pulled in this tuna which weighed 4.24kg, her biggest fish ever.



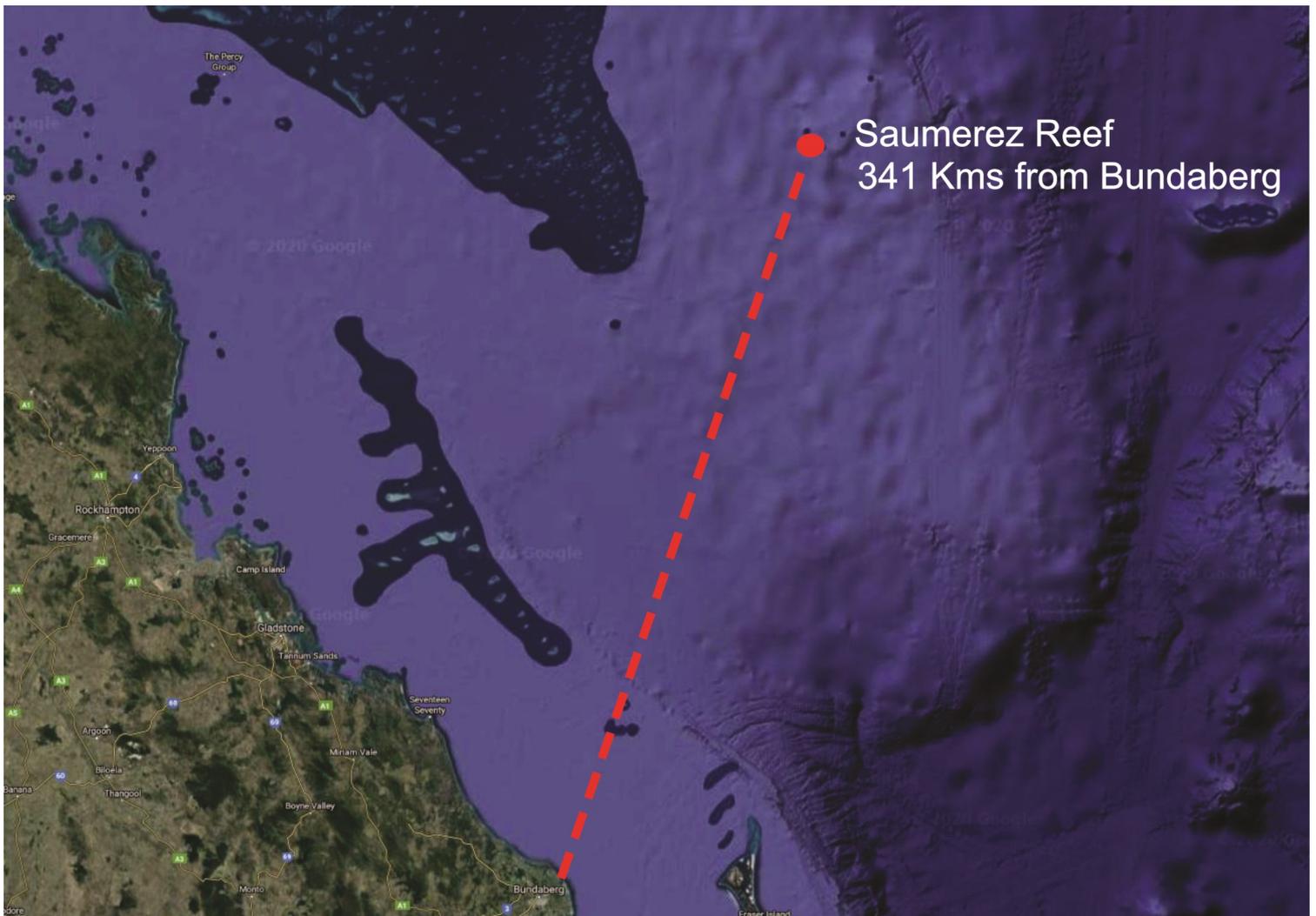
## *A Trip to Saumerez*

When life was sweet and all were well and a Carona was a model of Toyota, Richard Caldararo organised a Fishing Charter aboard Big Cat Reality for he and his son who happens to live in Victoria, Richard had been out with this charter boat before so he knew how good the fishing could be. Others soon heard about the charter so they all managed to secure their passage aboard this big Cat.

Not realising what was about to happen to the world Richard collected all the money and paid the charter company well ahead of time to ensure that they would have a place on the September Charter.

Well I am sure that all of us realise what was about to happen. Victoria was in lock down and New South Wales was forbidden to enter so the charter was delayed month after month but finally there was a chance to head out in November.

The excitement grew and everyone was ready for the trip to the Swains but wait a minute! It seemed that Fisheries had closed the Swains Reef to all fishing. Not to be outdone the skipper decided that they would still head out but their destination would be to Saumerez Reef, approximately 320 Kilometers north East of Bundaberg which was well outside the boundary of Swains.

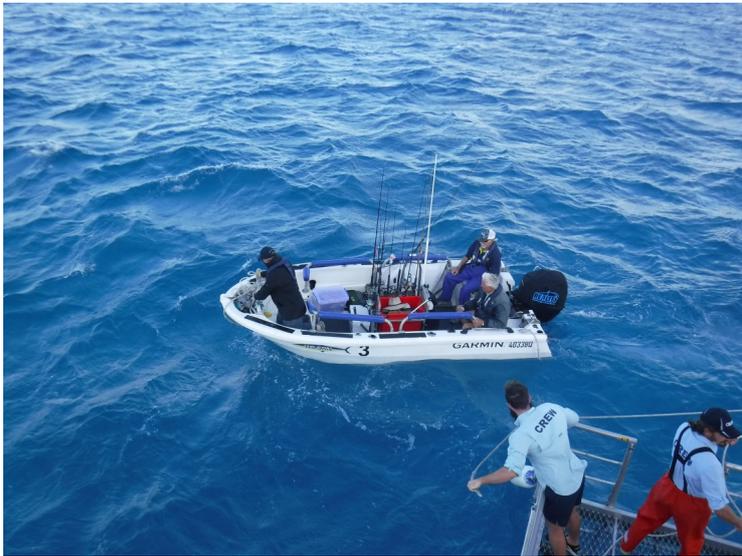


To say that the boys were excited was an understatement even though the weather was not going to be the best.

The boys left Bribie Island in two cars laden with every conceivable type of rods reels and lures in the hope of catching that monstrous fish. With everyone on board they left Bundaberg and made their way to Saumerez Reef. At just twelve knots this was going to take some time. It was the afternoon of the following day when they finally reached to Reef and it didn't take long for most of the 18 Fishermen to board into the dories and start fishing.



The Big Cat didn't look that big in comparison to the 32kilometers of reef. There were hundreds of small cays and bommies where our group could try their luck. There was even an old shipwreck where seven of the ninety nine islanders drowned.



The wind was howling but the reef gave the boys enough protection so that they could still fish safely. Each afternoon everyone would return back to the mothership, hand over the large bag of fish, freshen themselves up and rest with a quiet ale or wine until dinnertime.

Life was pretty hard.....







As the week progressed, the weather improved and everyone had the opportunity to catch their share of the 700 fish.

If you have to endure the restrictions of Covid 19, I can't think of a better way to suffer.

Richard's Son didn't make it to the charter.





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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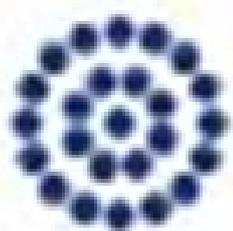
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