

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

November Members

Meeting

14th November 7:00pm

Weigh In

Saturday, 19th November 6pm

Trophy Night

10 December 2016

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14th November Member's Meeting 7:00pm

Monthly BBQ Sports Club 27th November 2016 4:00pm

Trophy Night 10th December 2016



From the President's Desk... Hello everyone. The fishing seems to have picked up this month although the weather still hasn't been all that good for regularly getting out deep. There are reports of some good fish being weighed in both from inshore and offshore. In the Passage, Bream, good summer whiting, and flathead are most prolific however, every now and again just over legal snapper pop their heads up. A fishing friend of

mine caught his first jewie of the season in the Passage the other day. While livies did attract interest, he caught his 7.5Kg fish on fresh squid. When he opened it up, it had taken a good size grassy for entrée. He followed this one up the next day with an 83cm fish and this time the fish had dined beforehand on a small grinner. Guess who's grinning now.

Frank has done very well out wide with good snapper, amberjack, trevally and others. There is nothing like persistence, knowledge, skill and a strategy to consistently bring in the bigger fish and especially a monster just under 8Kg snapper. Frank reckons it could have been 2Kg heavier if he hadn't bled it before he put it on the scales. The weigh in results for this month should be very interesting.

I did enjoy the presentation last meeting by Peter Lee on the work being done by the research facility at Woorim. I found it fascinating that from starting out years ago developing barramundi and prawns, amongst other research, they were now integrating prawn farming with growing cobia to more efficiently use commercial ponds year round. Peter has agreed to having our Club visit the facility next year to see firsthand what they do there.

The Trophy night to be held at the RSL on 10 December should be an enjoyable night. If you do wish to attend and you haven't put your name on the list, can you please let Trevor Plant know as soon as possible. We do need payment of the per head fee by no later than the November BBQ.

Keith Kable is sporting a bandage around one of his fingers and he didn't get it fishing. I don't understand why anyone would put their finger where Richard C is drilling a screw into a piece of timber – funnier things have happened I guess but it must be close to earning a hat? Richard reckons Keith sure can yodel.

Wednesday the 9th of November is the fresh water fishing competition at Somerset. It was scheduled for Saturday the 12th however, crowds of people and boats on a weekend doesn't auger well for fishing and so the timing has been changed to a week day. The fresh water competitions held earlier in the year didn't go all that well, so we hope that this one will be much more productive. If you can find the time, please participate to help make it a success. It is a really nice place to be and the drive there through Kilcoy is relaxing. Bass, yellowbelly, silver perch and eel tail catfish are the main species but don't forget how good the red claw are to catch and eat. Please let Richard Caldararo know if you are going.

The initial proposal to alter the inshore/offshore boundaries has generated quite some discussion and I have been given very worthwhile comments and suggestions by many members regarding where the boundary should be. Keep em coming so that we can have a robust debate at the December Club meeting.

Marg and I won't be at the October BBQ or the November meeting as we are going to have a look at China for three weeks. Mike will look after the formalities for which he is very well equipped. Peter McGruddy is the presenter for the night so you should look forward to him passing on his skills on tying knots for rigs.

Best wishes to all of you who are celebrating or who have celebrated a birthday or some other milestone event and most of all if you are recovering from illness or medical procedures.

I hope all your target fish are big and hungry. Cheers.

Ron

Vice Presidents Report

As you know Ron is away on holidays this month so I have written a report in case Ron may not have been able to complete one.

We had a good weekend down at the Tweed in October and fished hard for not too many fish, but I think all those who attended had a good time. Friday evening saw us picked up from the caravan Park and attending the Kingscliffe Bowling Club for a nice meal and drinks. Following the weigh in on Saturday we had a Chinese meal and the presentation in the community hall at the park.

I had arranged with Keith Kable to pull my boat back to Bribie as we were carrying on down to Sydney to see our kids. Unfortunately on the way back the nearside wheel on my trailer came off. Fortunately there was no damage and the trailer with boat was loaded up on a RACQ truck and brought back to Bribie (thanks to Keith), where my hubs were kindly repaired by Ron Winnett. I found out the hard way that you need different wheel studs for and alloy wheels.

I was away for the rest of October and since I got back, have managed to get out a couple of times and found some nice Bream in the passage and very few fish outside.

We had a nice BBQ on 30 October and thanks to the ladies who organised everything. Please remember to let them know if you are coming and if you have put your name down and then can't come to also let them know. Preferably as early as possible as this makes catering easier.

Our next function is the end of month BBQ at 4.00pm on Sunday 26 November. Then before our next meeting is the end of year presentation night on Saturday 10 December at the club. This should be a good night with a band playing after the dinner and presentation so put on your dancing shoes and be prepared to have some fun.

The raffles are going pretty well on a Thursday evening so thanks to all who are doing the selling and to all our other members who are attending the club and supporting the raffles. They make subsidised events like the weekends away and the BBQ's and the presentation night possible, and you can win a nice meat tray or voucher.

December will be our final meeting for this year and we will have the AGM at the January meeting. If you would like to be on the committee then please consider nominating for a position. Ron has also mentioned to me that he thinks it would be a good idea if there was a social sub-committee to organise some more social functions in the year. It would be nice if someone(s) would put their hand up for this. Just remember that "many hands make light work".

Tight lines,

Mike Phillips

Weighmaster's Report

November is the final month of the 2016 fishing competition. Please be aware that the competition closes at 6pm on 19th November. This is to allow enough time to organise all the trophies after the final results to be tallied.

The water is heating up fairly quickly now and sea temperature will range from 22° in the passage to almost 26° at Cape Moreton. I am sure that there will be quite a few people heading off shore to try their hand at trolling especially after such good results last summer.

There were some great catches last month with Kerryn Cochrane setting some pretty high scores on the inshore scene and Frank O proving that there are still some big snapper and amberjack to be caught.

The results for the October competition 2016 are as follows:

OFFSHORE:

Ladies Winner Offshore: *Sheila Oostenbroek*

Ladies Runner-up Offshore: *N/A*

Men's Winner Offshore: *Frank Oostenbroek* **227.8 Points**

Men's Runner-up Offshore: *Richard Caldararo* **14.9 Points**

INSHORE:

Ladies Winner Inshore: *Kerryn Cochrane* **168 Points**

Ladies Runner-up Inshore: *Carole Winnett* **34 Points**

Men's Winner Inshore: *Trevor Plant* **73 Points**

Men's Runner-up Inshore: *Ron Winnett* **48 Points**



BRIBIE ISLAND RSL FISHING CLUB

CALENDAR 2016

NOVEMBER

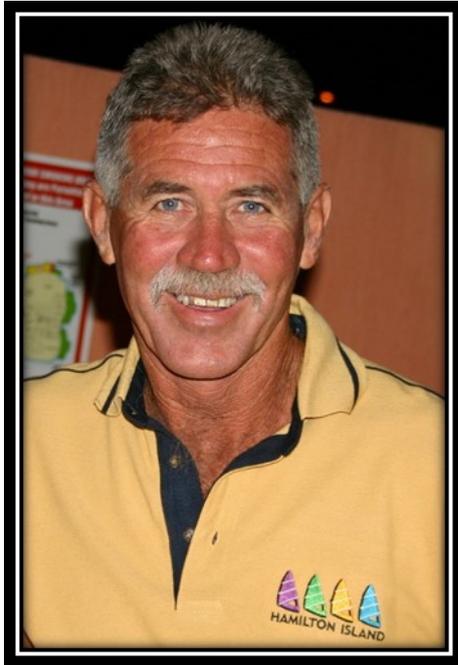
9th **Somerset Fresh Water Fishing Comp**
14th Members Meeting RSL 7.00pm*
30th Oct - 19th Nov Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
27th **BBQ- 4:00pm Sports Club**
Weigh in –Saturday 19th 6pm

DECEMBER

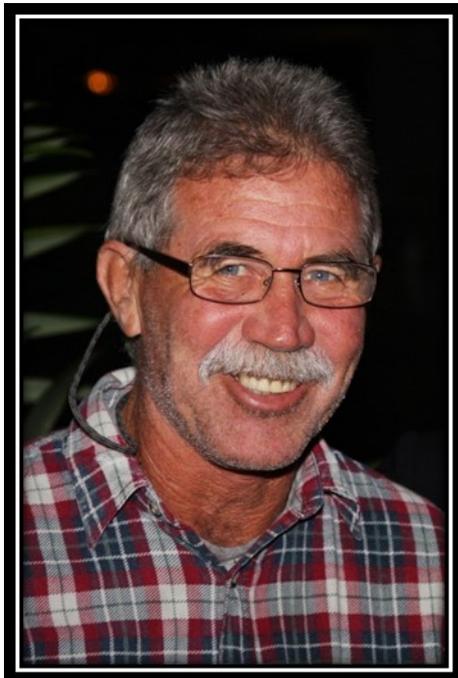
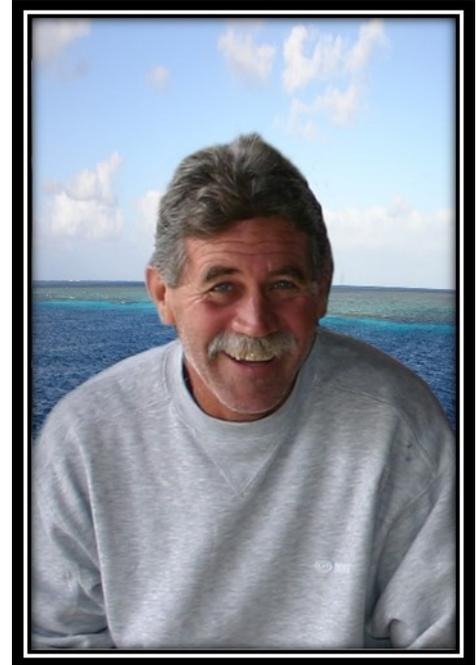
10th **Trophy night**
12th Members Meeting RSL 7:00pm *
19th Nov – 31st Dec Inshore & Offshore Monthly Comps
Weigh in –Saturday 31st 6pm

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

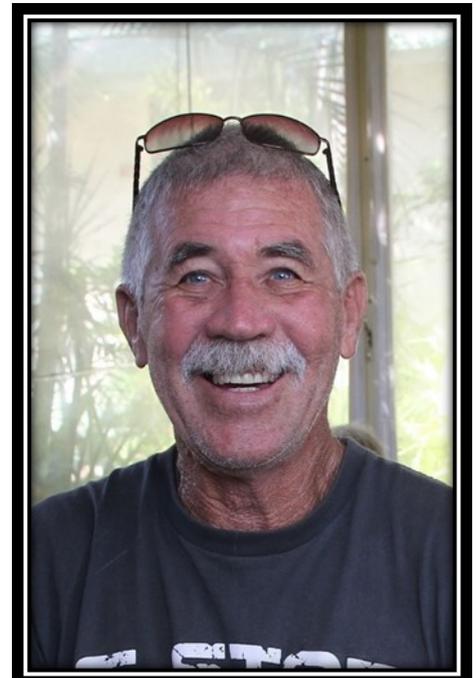




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in just 10 years

Richard might have a few more grey hairs but he is still out there every week catching some great fish. Richard caught a 2.7kg Flathead just last week and helped to bring in these beauties with Richard Caldararo and Keith Kable a few days ago.



A Weekend at the Tweed

Almost forty of our members left the shores of Bribie Island to travel to Hacienda Holiday Park at Chinderah, to take part in a weekend fishing competition on the Tweed River during 15th – 16th October 2016.

The trip down was uneventful and everyone managed to get there on time and even our fearless leader arrived in plenty of time for the evening meal. Dinner at the local bowling club was well organised, tasty and enjoyed by everyone, in fact; the whole weekend was extremely well organised. I know that the sheer number of people meant that the accommodation, meals and transport requirements needed quite a substantial amount of extra effort by the faithful few who seem to make everything happen like clockwork.

The parking and security of boats is always an issue and the holiday park owners had made enough room to keep everyone happy. Not everyone had brought their boat down but Paul Foote still managed to catch the biggest bream while standing on the shore.

Saturday morning daylight saving time meant that many of us were having breakfast at 4:00am which is a bit of a shock for the uninitiated. I find it amazing how the temperature can vary so much in just a few hundred kilometres. I couldn't even feel my fishing line, let alone tie a knot. It was so cold that it felt like I was back in the Victorian snow fields. It was nice when the sun finally made an appearance but the wind was relentless.

It was difficult to find a fish over the legal length but most of us kept on trying until well after lunch. The tide was high and all the yabbie banks were covered by at least a meter of water so all the people who had previously pumped the yabbies had a definite advantage. Mike Phillips spent the morning chasing bream and left it until about 1:00pm before he headed up for whiting.

It was a good idea to weigh the fish in after the competition because everyone had an opportunity to see all the fish whereas on other occasions you would not have the same opportunity as many of the fish would be weighed and released on the water. It was also great to see that almost all the fish were well cared for and were in prime condition for release after they had been weighed although I must admit that a few of those big whiting were released into the frying pan.

I am sure that everyone had a good time and that most of us will be back next year.



Bill and Wendy were on the move while Gary and Lyn were filling their esky



Cheryl was supervising Jim while Peter and Tom were heading back in



Rosemary is almost as happy as Trevor



Mike and Chris heading up stream



Toni and Paul prove that fishing from the shore can be pretty rewarding



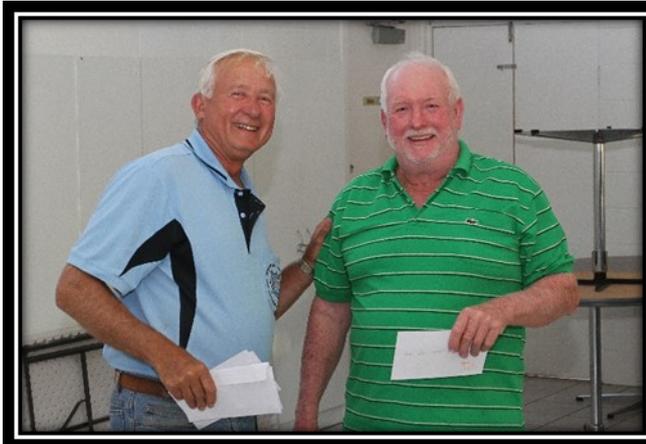
Not everyone spent the day fishing



A quiet beer after parking the boat seemed to be a popular event



Weighing fish can be a real social affair



Competition prize winners although the hat is not necessarily a great prize



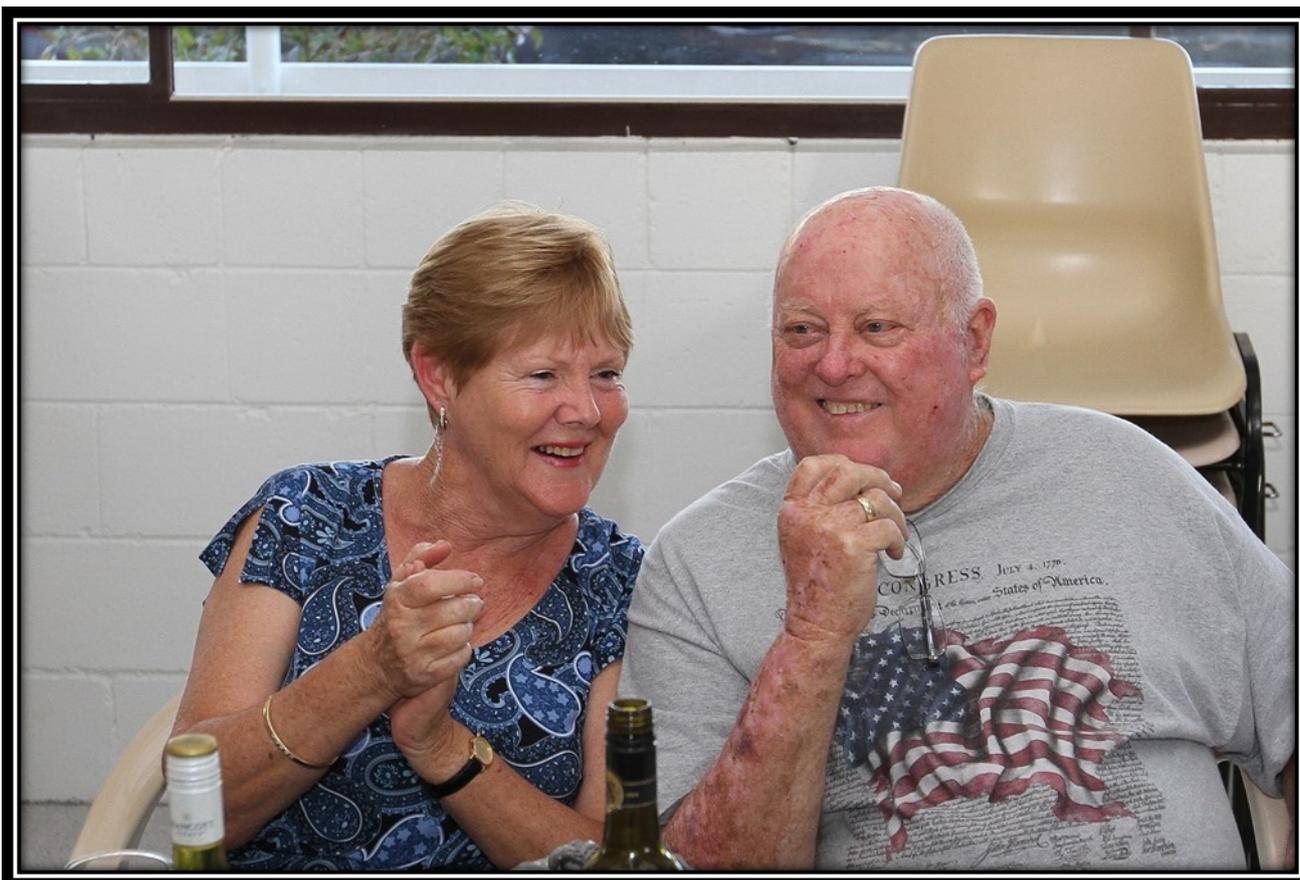
You only have to catch a small flathead to win



A very happy Trio



Rosemary wins the wooden spoon



Linda and Elvin enjoying the proceedings

Tweed Competition Results

There were 29 fish weighed in at the Tweed Competition. These are the results:

<i>The Heaviest Bream:</i>	<i>.640</i>	<i>Paul Foote</i>
<i>The Heaviest Whiting:</i>	<i>.355</i>	<i>Michael Phillips</i>
<i>The Biggest Flathead:</i>	<i>.620</i>	<i>Michael Phillips</i>
<i>The Biggest Grunter:</i>	<i>.405</i>	<i>Ron Winnett</i>
<i>Lightest Bag:</i>	<i>.220</i>	<i>Rosemary Blyth</i>
<i>Smallest Fish:</i>	<i>.175</i>	<i>Trevor Bourke</i>

Mens Competition:

<i>Heaviest Bag:</i>	<i>2.455kg</i>	<i>Michael Phillips</i>
<i>Second Heaviest Bag:</i>	<i>1.170kg</i>	<i>Trevor Bourke</i>
<i>Third Heaviest Bag:</i>	<i>.985kg</i>	<i>Keith Kable</i>

Ladies Competition:

<i>Heaviest Bag:</i>	<i>1.285kg</i>	<i>Lyn Hunter</i>
<i>Second Heaviest Bag:</i>	<i>.425kg</i>	<i>Pam McGruddy</i>
<i>Third Heaviest Bag:</i>	<i>.365kg</i>	<i>Sheila Oostenbroek</i>



Joke of the Month

S.O.S = Slower, Older, Smarter: A C-130 Hercules was lumbering along when a cocky FA-18 Hornet fighter flashed by. The jet jockey decided to show off. The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, "watch this!" and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier. The FA-18 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought of that. The C-130 pilot said, "That was most impressive, but watch this!". The C-130 droned along straight and level for about 5 minutes and then the C-130 pilot came back on and said: "What did you think of that?" Puzzled the FA-18 pilot asked, "What the heck did you do?" The C-130 pilot chuckled. "I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, took a leak, and then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll."

AND ANOTHER: A police officer called his station on the radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for walking on the floor she had just mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?"

"Not yet – the floor's still wet."

Did you know?

It is compulsory to wear a lifejacket:

- When crossing a designated coastal bar in an open boat that is less than 4.8m in length.
- If you are under the age of 12 yrs (from 12months and up to, but not including 12 yrs) in an open boat that is less than 4.8 m in length and under way.
- When riding a PWC, water skiing or tubing.



The Fresh Water Fishing Competition Somerset Dam

Somerset Dam has always been a great place for a weekend picnic but in the past thirty years, it has become an extremely popular place as the Brisbane population has increased; in fact, the Holiday Park at Kirkleigh may be completely booked out on weekends and the boat traffic on the water may make fishing quite an unpleasant experience. This was the main reason that our fresh water fishing competition was held on a weekday when the park is almost empty.

Fresh water fishing can be extremely difficult at times so if you are entering the competition in the hope of catching hundreds of fish you had better think again. There are many factors that affect the appetite of the local fish population and although we think we know a couple of reasons none of the fish have actually spoken to me about that subject.

The experts suggest that if the barometer drops, or the water is too cold, or if a storm is threatening, or if there hasn't been enough rain, the fish will stop biting and if the Barometer rises, and the water is warm, and if the rains have come then they will bite on anything that moves. The one thing that I do know is that you have a much better chance of catching a fish if you have live shrimp.

The Bourke's and the Kable's decided to camp at the dam for the week and the reports of big bass and yellow belly were coming through on the phone. Ron Winnett, Kim Wratten and I decided to head to the dam on Tuesday, the day before the competition. Richard and Dianne, Trevor and Rosemary, had also organised to fish the competition but they had decided to visit Somerset just for the day.

Ron and I decided to rough it and set up the tent while Kim towed his five-star caravan to the dam to provide all the cooking facilities. I am glad he did because the steaks were magnificent. Afternoon drinks are a tradition at the Bourke's and Kable's so we made sure that the tradition was upheld.

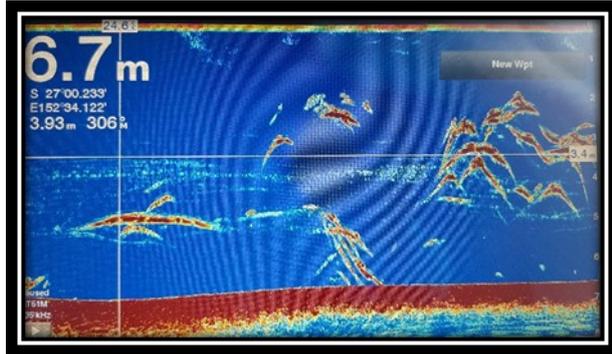
It was early on Wednesday morning at 4am when the local crows reminded us that we needed to get ready for the competition so after a quick cup of coffee and some breakfast, Ron, Kim and I decided to check the red claw pots for some shrimp. Not only were there no red claw but we only caught one shrimp. Ron drew the lucky straw and it was decided the he would use the shrimp a little later.

As the clock struck six, we dropped our lines in the water and all three of us had our eyes fixed on the tip of our rods. The water was glassy and although the sky was overcast, the temperature was very comfortable. Off in the distance we could see Keith and Trevor coming towards us. After a few minutes, they pulled up beside us. I am not sure if Trevor heard us but we were not saying nice things about him when he pulled up a yellow belly just seconds after he started fishing.

Try as we might we couldn't even get a bite so we decided to head on up to the sticks. (dead trees). On the way we met Richard and Dianne and Richard informed us that the bucket of live shrimp had somehow managed to bypass the net he had strung across the boat and was waiting for him somewhere between Bribie and Somerset.

We told him that we were very sorry to hear that he had lost all of his shrimp and continued on to the sticks. We chuckled to ourselves and suggested that his little mistake might put him in line for the hat.

One of Kim's caravan neighbours had given us a secret spot where we would be able to catch hundreds of massive yellow belly and bass so we headed to the spot only to find that his neighbour was still there and had only caught one fish.



We used the fish finder to see if we could find them and sure enough they really did exist. The sounder lit up like a Christmas tree so Ron carefully placed his one and only shrimp on his hook and lowered it down to the depths below. Well almost immediately Ron's rod tip was almost pulled into the water and then.....nothing. Ron wound up his line and realised that his hook

had disappeared. I think we tried every lure in the tackle box but nothing seemed to be interested.

All of a sudden, we could hear someone yelling " **Get your rod out of the way and wind in your line.**" Again we heard this man yelling at this poor defenceless lady " **Move your rod out of the way and get the net....GET THE NET!!!!!!**" As I turned around I realised it was only Trevor Plant excited about getting a bass. Rosemary gently slid the net under the bass and very capably lifted it into the boat. Without Rosemary, the bass would most probably have gotten away.

Later on, we saw Richard Caldararo trolling all around the dam while Dianne was reading a book. She looked so relaxed and peaceful while Richard was busy concentrating on the sounder. One o'clock had been and gone and the temperature had reached boiling point. Kim had skilfully caught the only yellow belly left in the dam, so we decided to head on back for the two o'clock weigh-in.

The weigh-in was well organised and all the winners were smiling after receiving their prizes. I looked across at Rosemary and noticed she was wiping away a little tear when Trevor told everyone how he had caught this massive bass. A small gesture highlighting that it was only due to Rosemary's netting skill that he was even on the winner's podium, may have been nice.



Notice the smug smile on Trevor's face. There was no sharing the prize money though.



A well-deserved Biggest Fish and Biggest Bag for Trevor Bourke



Kim Wratten spent hours in the hot sun for this massive yellow belly



Lunch at Somerset

Those who Support Our Club

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 fisherpeople.



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 \$20 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.

There are also occasions where we have the ability to raffle other prizes that have been kindly donated by our local businesses. The prizes that have been donated are actually great prizes that provide a real benefit to the people lucky enough to win them.



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.



We have some fantastic support in our community and we really appreciate all the help that our local businesses have provided but there is one company who just keeps on giving. Danny Payne, who owns Outback Adventures in Morayfield, has provided us with countless gifts over the last few years and continues to offer on-going support on a daily basis by providing our members a discount on all fishing gear. We really do appreciate the friendly service that Danny, Ken and all staff give us. Many thanks Outback Adventures.

Some other recent prizes include:



Eyewear Plus has donated a fantastic pair of quality polaroid sunglasses that any fisherperson would have loved to own. They have also provided us with a couple of lens cleaning spray bottles and appropriate cloths.



Steve Kelly from Mr Minute is also a very keen fisherman who has supported the club for a number of years. Steve has generously donated a number of Led Lenser LED flashlights/Torches. Led Lenser is well known as of the best names in quality LED torches and they also command a high price.



A number of discount vouchers have been donated by MODE Hairdressing. It is nice to have a prize that can be utilised by the ladies.



PACIFIC HARBOUR
GOLF • RESTAURANT • BAR

Pacific Harbour Golf Club has donated quite a few gift vouchers for 18 holes of golf with a buggy for the last few years and although there are only a few members of the club who play golf, the prizes are greatly appreciated and are highly valued by the players.

BRIBIE PASSAGE KIOSK & BOAT HIRE



Kate and John McAuliffe have been sponsors of our club for many years and have donated many great prizes for our fishing competitions. The new owner's (Kathy and Darryl) support is ongoing and provide a valuable resource as our primary weigh in station.

BBQ Boat Hire Brбие Island



Ian and Bronwyn recently donated a voucher for an 8 person BBQ boat for a day as a prize for our raffle. Margie Gadd won it. Last year they did a similar thing and Tim Holt won it at the Trophy Presentation night. Many thanks BBQ Boat Hire. They are located at the Pacific Harbour Marina. Please consider them for your bbq boat hire needs.

We thank you all for your ongoing support.