

FISH 'N' TIPS



Important Reminders

General Meeting
13th November 7:00pm

Somerset Fishing Competition
15 November 2017

Trophy Night
10th December 2017

Fishing Club Web Site
www.bribierslfishingclub.com

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Somerset Dam 1 Day Fishing Competition 15th November 2017

25th November 2017 Roast Pig at Mike and Marg's

10th December 2017 Trophy Night



From the President's Desk... Hello everyone. Once again, a really busy month. We started off with our 3rd Coffee at Spinnakers for the year and it proved just as popular as the other two. So good to socialize over coffee at the Kiosk. A big thank you to John and Kate for donating some of the cost of the coffees. If you are at the ramp and you need bait or food, or you need to hire a boat, please support their business.

The middle of the month was the time for our annual pilgrimage to the Tweed. Despite very few fish being weighed in and the torrential rain during Saturday and Saturday night, everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. The Friday night at the Kingscliff Bowls Club was a beaut place for dinner and especially for those who won prizes in the raffle. Saturday night in the community hall dining on delicious Chinese food was a fun time. Watching Slick in action negotiating freebies from the lady at the Chinese restaurant was educational. He did well with bags of prawn crackers, soft drink and lots of steamed rice. The menu selection seemed to hit the spot with everyone. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and cleaned up. A big thank you also to Rosemary who arranged the bookings and managed the changes as they occurred. The torrential rain overnight Saturday/Sunday certainly showed the worth of making sure open boats (especially tinnies) have the bungs removed. T'was a sad sight to see Ray McGilvery towing Alan Gough's boat back up the river and then to add salt to the wound when the fob to Alan's vehicle got wet and wouldn't do its thing to let him into the vehicle. All ended reasonably well though early the next day.

Frank and I couldn't attend the BBQ because we had been invited to go fishing out of Yeppoon with Frank's good friend Mark Forster on his 58ft Riviera. I had a wow of a trip and experienced catching big red emperor which allowed me to achieve a personal best fish. Memories of that trip will stay with me forever and will be the subject of storytelling any opportunity given to me. By all reports, the BBQ went very well and once again Richard, John, Dianne, and Sandy excelled for what is to be the last of the BBQs for the year. A big thank you to Richard and John as the Catering members for the outstanding job they have done throughout the year. As discussed at last month's general meeting, the Catering positions will be vacant, so I hope that you consider taking it on. Don't forget that November's is the cooked pig at Margaret and Mike's place. I would like to stress the importance of letting us know if you are attending if you haven't done so already and of course, if you have put your name down and now can't attend. The catering numbers are critical. Congratulations to the winners of the fishing categories for the month.

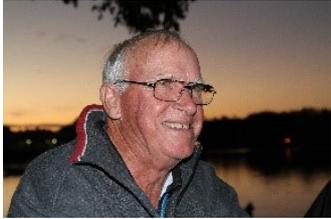
The Trophy Night is in December so only 4 weeks away. Please pay your dollars either by going into the bank, paying online, or paying cash at the upcoming meeting. If you pay at the bank or online, ensure you put the code and your name into the comments. It should be a great night with lots of fun and music to dance to.

As I write this, Hannah is in hospital after undergoing surgery. We hope you recover quickly Hannah and look forward to seeing you up and about as soon as possible.

Our AGM is 2 months away. Please consider putting your hand up for a position on the Committee. This is your chance to make a contribution. To plagiarise in part a profound phrase – think not what our club can do for you, but you can do for your club.

May all your target fish be hungry and big. Happy birthday to all of you celebrating in November. For those suffering ill health, I hope you get better soon. Cheers!

Weighmaster's Report - October 2017



October had a lot of wet and windy days which was reflected in the catch for the month.

Those who fished the Tweed One Day Competition will attest to the joys of fishing in torrential rain.

None the less, an intrepid few did manage to land some quality fish.

Richard Patterson set a new club record with a bream which weighed 1.500 Kg beating the old record of 1.43 Kg held by Mike Phillips.

Trevor Plant landed a 2.48 Kg Flathead and Loris Reuben a 3.03 Kg Pearl Perch.

A total of 69 fish were weighed in Inshore and 9 fish Offshore.

The Ladies Inshore Competition was won by Tina Patterson with 129 points.

The Men's Inshore Competition was won by Richard Patterson with 105 points.

Trevor Plant was the runner up with 81 points.

The Men's Offshore Competition was won by Frank Oostenbroek with 60 points.

Loris Reuben came second with 40 points.

Richard Caldararo came third with 35 points.

The lucky draw was won by Mike Phillips.

Let us hope that November brings calm and sunny days and that more Ladies will have successful outings. Congratulations to the winners.

Don't forget that November is a short month for the monthly weigh-in and finishes at 6pm on Saturday 18th November 2017.

A Weekend at the Hacienda

The experts tell us that some of the most horrible times in our life are often the most memorable. Well I am not sure if the weekend at the Hacienda Caravan Park was horrible but it sure was memorable.

I love fishing the Tweed River because the water is crystal clear, and it holds a large variety of fish. At its mouth is a coastal bar which is noted for its wild seas but on occasions it be smooth and gentle so you really need to be careful if you are thinking of fishing offshore as it may be smooth going out but it won't necessarily be the same coming back in.

It is for this reason that the Bribie Island RSL Fishing Club restricts its fishing competition to the inshore and very smooth waters of the river. Members can catch a variety of fish including mulloway, whiting, flathead and bream.

Further upstream the river becomes a little narrower with sugar cane farms on either side. The sugar cane fields are irrigated, and the excess water flows back into the river via a number of aqueducts spaced kilometers apart. As you continue to travel upstream you will come across thick mangrove trees which provide perfect cover for the larger predators like mangrove jacks.

The clock strikes six an hour earlier in New South Wales and most of our keen fishos were keen to take advantage of the extra hour of sunlight..... Did I mention Sunlight???????



Ron and Margie shelter from the pouring rain

It is not the first time that we have been blessed with a deluge while staying at the Tweed, in fact I think it has rained more often than we have had sunny weekends. Never the less we continued to fish regardless of the circumstances and I believe that there were a couple of circumstances worth mentioning.



You may well ask why the Outer Office (Alan Gough's boat) is being towed by Ray McGilvery's tinny. Well it seems that the rain influenced a few electronic components. It was Saturday morning when our fearless fishos left the dry shores of the mighty Tweed in search of that massive fish, but just as the morning changed to afternoon, the clear skies turned to torrential rain, lightning and thunderstorms.

Not everything became wet, but Alan's ignition switch failed to start the mighty Evinrude. Ray and Julie offered to tow them back but not before stopping several times along the way. It was a fishing competition after all.

It was getting close to the 4:00pm weigh-in time when Alan managed to bring his boat to shore, so all he had to do was start the car and winch the boat back onto the trailer. Hmmm!!! Why won't the car start? Oh, that's right, I have a special car alarm/ immobilizer that can only be turned off with a remote control.... A dry remote control.

Alan is an amazing guy who doesn't become frustrated easily, so after one of the other guys helped him win the boat back onto the trailer, he came over to enjoy a cold beer in the company of the other members. The plan was easy. The next morning Keith Kable would simply tow Alan's boat back home while Alan and Hannah drove back with Peter and Pam McGruddy. Alan would then return the next day after organising the repair to his car. Simple.



A happy and unphased Alan Gough

Meanwhile back at the weigh-in, our members witnessed an amazing catch. Trevor Bourke had caught his very first Mangrove Jack. Not an uncommon fish but normally very difficult to capture because of its tenacity and power. Definitely a spectacular prize.



Trevor Bourke captured this Mangrove Jack on very light bream gear

The evening continued, and everyone had gathered in the function room. It wasn't long before Peter McGruddy commenced his duties as Weighmaster and presented the winners with their prizes.



Everyone had gathered in the function room



Peter presented these ladies with a medallion for braving the extremely wet conditions



Julie won this for the lightest fish



Cheryll won this for the Lightest Bag

and



Julie won the Ladies Heaviest Bag



Cheryll won the 2nd Heaviest Bag

and



Richard C won the 2nd Heaviest Fish



tied with Ron who also won the 2nd Heaviest Fish

and



Keith Kable won the 3rd Heaviest Bag



Gary Hunter won the 2nd Heaviest Bag

and



Trevor Bourke won the Heaviest Bag and Heaviest Fish and



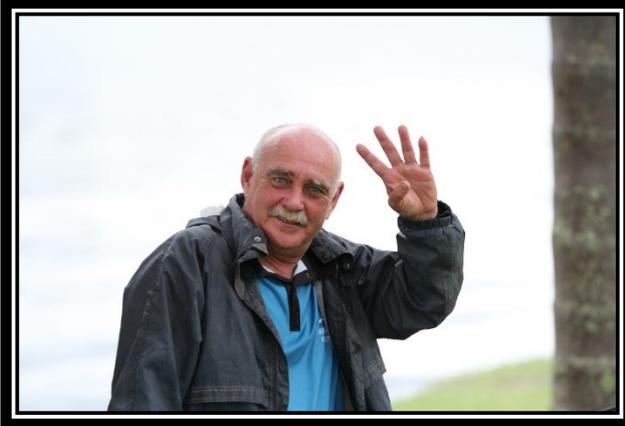
George Dragon won the Lucky Draw



Alan received an encouragement award for his efforts under very trying conditions

The thunder and lightning had stopped but the rain was now starting to come down in buckets but not heavy enough to prevent Richard Caldararo from picking up what can only be described as a magnificent Chinese meal. The selection of dishes was amazing. Curries, Sweet and Sour, King Prawns, Beef and Lamb accompanied by both fried and white rice as well as a massive supply of prawn crackers.

Unusual as it may seem, I forced myself to go back for seconds and as I looked around, and it appeared as though everyone else did as well and there was still enough for another helping or five.



Trevor Plant was also one of the lucky contenders by winning the hat. It must have affected him to a large degree because he went from looking quite happy in the afternoon to almost grief stricken later that evening.

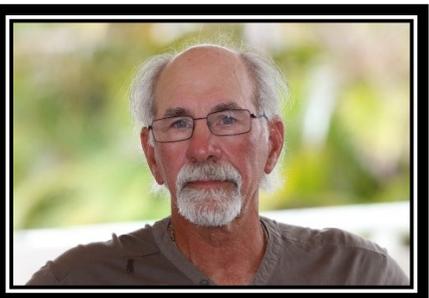
It was early the next morning that Alan asked me if he could borrow my towing hitch because apparently Keith Kable's wouldn't fit Alan's trailer. We tried to remove my hitch but one of the bolts broke and it was impossible to remove it.

Richard Calderaro's tow bar seemed to be the correct type so Richard volunteered to tow Alan's boat back home but wait a minute... Richard had also towed his boat down to the Tweed so I volunteered to tow Richard's boat back home.

Finally!!! But wait there's more. When we tested the trailer connection we found that Richard had a different plug and wouldn't fit my car. Luckily, I carry a variety of adaptors and one of them was the correct type. We tested the lights to find that the brake lights didn't work. Alan dismantled the plug to find that one of the wires had broken so we all sat in the pouring rain as Alan and Ron repaired the broken wire.

Yeeehhaa!! Success at last. I connect the trailer with all the working lights and we were off... After returning home Richard informed me that Alan was able to fix his car after drying his keys with Hanna's Hair dryer.

Another great trip and weekend away and this will certainly be one of the more memorable.

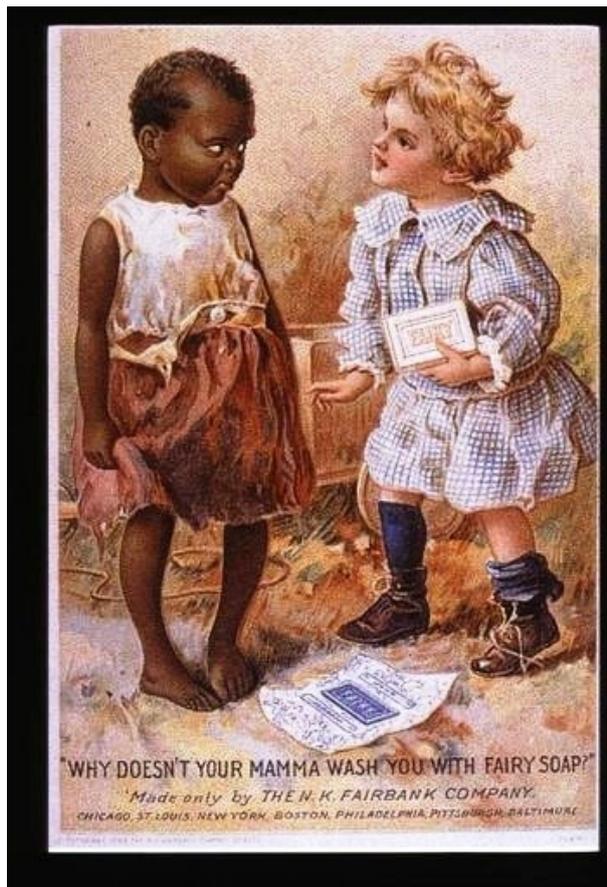


The Results of the Photo Competition



*Congratulations to Frank O with his winning entry to the Photo Competition
Voting Results: Barra-12, Kingfisher-8, Sooty Grunter-4*

Can you Believe that these were real Advertisements?



Some Recent Photos



The Weigh Master in Action



Pam taking a casual walk





Our President

Trophy Night

Sunday Evening 10th December

The Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club will be holding a night of celebrations where we recognize the achievements of the select few who have excelled in the sport of fishing.

This special night coincides with the end of another year where we also celebrate the outstanding efforts and dedication of our outgoing committee.

If you would like to attend the fun-filled night of great music dance and laughter, not to mention a sumptuous three course meal with more than an adequate amount of refreshments for the special price of \$25:00 per member or \$35:00 for non-members, please respond to this email with the names of all persons attending.

Payment can be made by
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to:
Bribie Island Fishing Club
Westpac Bank
BSB: 034119
Account: 125893
Reference: TN and your Name

Fresh Water Fishing Competition

**06:00am - 2:00pm 15th November
Somerset Dam**

The Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club has enjoyed a long tradition of Fresh water fishing on Somerset and Bjelke-Petersen Dams.

Both men and women compete for two trophies named after the founders of our club Otto Scott and Jack Daley.

This fishing competition can be quite difficult in winter where the fish can be very choosy about the bait used, but we have found that using fresh water shrimp can be dangerous as the fish almost jump into the boat.

Fresh water fishing in summer is a very different story. The sun is up early and the temperatures are warm. The fish are active and hungry and will rise to both shrimp and lures. Fish over three kilograms are quite common and are a real test for light gear so if you think that fresh water fishing is boring... think again.

It has taken a few years to crack the secrets of these illusive fish but we have a few seasoned fishers in our club who are more than willing to impart their knowledge to help you catch one of Australia's hardest fighting sportfish.

Interested???

How about a fun filled camping trip on a powered site in the Somerset camping area. I can assure you the evening meal and a quiet drink with a few mates can be hard to beat.



Joke of the Month

THE REUNION

A group of ex-service guys, all turning 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because the waitresses had big breasts and wore mini-skirts.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because the waitresses were attractive. The food and service were good and the beer selection was excellent.

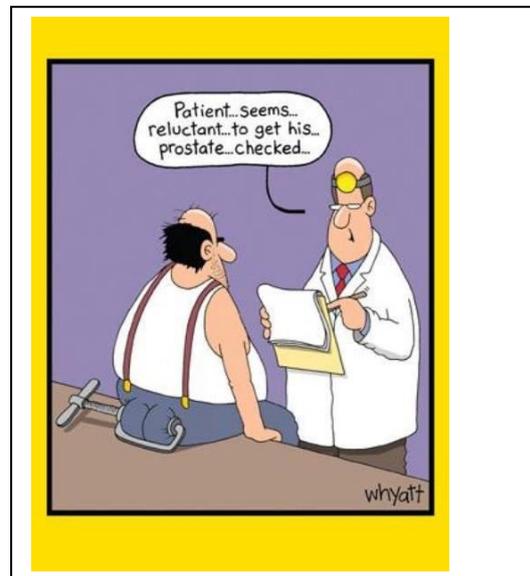
Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace and quiet with no loud music, and it was good value for money.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because they had never been there before!!

Did you know?

- The guest presenter for our general meeting this Monday night is **Red Redinbaugh** to tell us about his product **Quickleen** which is an extraordinary product for cleaning metal surfaces of all types especially within the home and the fish environment. Bring your dollars because he will have product for sale on the night.
- The Somerset Dam final Freshwater comp is being held next Wednesday the 15th of November. The last one was a great day out and plenty of really good fish. The comp starts at 6am and finishes at 2pm with weigh in at the public ramp. Lures should be good as the water will be warmer but look for shrimp early and take some worms. You will need a fishing permit.
- Dan the marine mechanic and engineer is available for two months on 0403362753.



If you would like to attend our Trophy night, payment will be accepted at the general meeting on Monday evening.

THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE



Many of your 2017 committee members will be standing down in 2018, so here is your opportunity to make a difference by volunteering for a position on the new committee.

Nomination forms can be downloaded on the link below:

<http://www.bribierslfishingclub.com/downloads.html>

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.

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Online enquiries: 07 5433 1481
www.outbackadventures.net.au

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, and all staff give us. Many thanks Outback Adventures.

Steve Kelly from Mr Minute is a very keen fisherman who has supported the club for a number of



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years. Steve has generously donated numerous prizes including Leatherman tools and a number of Led Lenser LED flashlights/torches. Led Lenser is well known as one of the best names in quality LED torches and they also command a high price. Thank you Steve.



MODE HAIRDRESSING
"It's all about beautiful hair"

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

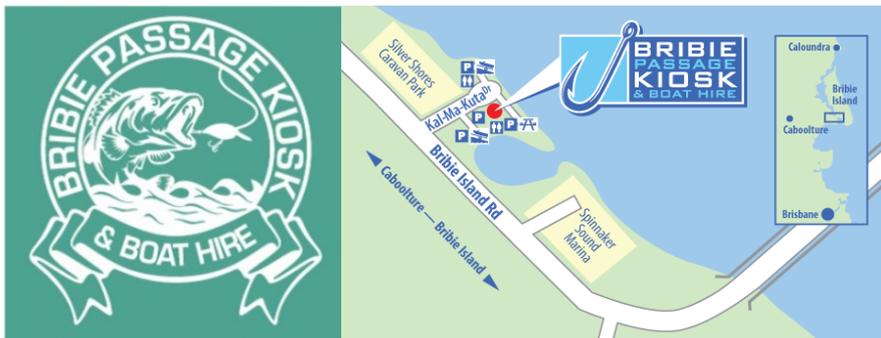


PACIFIC HARBOUR

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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 have supported our club again for 2017. These 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. Kate and John's 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.



Hypnotic Fashion has been supporting our club for a few years now, so if you are after ladies' fashion for all ages please drop by. After ten years of being located in the Bribie Island Shopping Centre, Hypnotic Fashion decided to relocate to bigger premises on Benabrow Avenue. The new premises have been totally renovated and they have sourced out the latest fashion and accessories at great prices so have a look at the new look HYPNOTIC FASHION BOUTIQUE.



Priceline Pharmacy Bribie Island

The Priceline pharmacy has been part of the Bribie Island community for many years but did you know that the proprietors John and Cindy are also very keen on fishing. You won't see them out in the store but you can be sure that they will be looking after your needs behind the office door. Your Priceline pharmacist is there to assist you by giving you advice and talking through your health concerns. From our friendly staff to our trained cosmeticians, we aim to give you the best advice and recommendations, great prices and the latest products.

We thank you all for your ongoing support.