

FISH 'N' TIPS

OCTOBER 2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Hello Everyone,

This is only a short report, probably due to very little happening club wise and windy weather, fish wise.

It was certainly good to see so many happy faces at our last meeting in September and even though the barbecues are a no go at the moment, the committee is still planning ahead to organise a few social outings for the balance of the year. The end of next week of course, takes us to Carlo Point at Rainbow Beach for an inshore competition. We have not been up there for a couple of years, so hopefully the locals have left us a few fish to catch.

Then we have a Melbourne Cup luncheon with a venue yet to be confirmed, but we have narrowed it down to only two. The two day freshwater competition is on in the middle of November at Somerset Dam and I hear some hardened and salt water anglers are making plans to travel up there.

We have just clarified some further rules and regulations with the RSL for our Trophy Night in December and rest assured, the show will go on.

As was mentioned at our last meeting a few major committee positions are available in 2021 due to these positions being held for many years by members who

have dedicated time and energy to this club, who now wish to reap the benefits of our sociality.

The RSL Thursday night raffles are going well and I have noticed an improvement on our club members roll up. Please keep this going as it is only till January 21.

That's all from me so stay safe and well and

GOOD FISHING

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.



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WEIGHMASTER'S REPORT

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Just a few more weeks to go and we will be saying goodbye to another year and I must say that I won't be sorry to this one go. The water is heating up and the pelagic fish are starting to arrive. There are still plenty of whales around and you don't have to go too far to see them. Just the other day Brett Waters noticed a few playing in the shallows near Yellow Patch.

The inshore waters are also starting to produce some great fish. The Summer whiting are still around but make sure you get there before the nets are strung over the area.

Trevally and Flathead should be around in good numbers and you may even see a few Queenfish chasing the bait fish near Ned's Gutter.

Rainbow Beach – Carlo Point Competition

Fri 16 to Sun 18 October 2020

The Rainbow Beach Fishing Competition and weekend away will take place next weekend but be aware some of us have already travelled up to check out all the best spots. I feel certain that everybody will receive some great information as to the location of all the best fish.

Rosemary has been in contact with all the local dining facilities and has organised a couple of great venues to ensure we won't go hungry.

Make sure you take plenty of photos and have a great time.

Whiting Comp September - 2020

Total No of fish 80

Heaviest Bag

Place	Name	Weight Kg	Quantity
Winner	Johnson Meg	5.185	20
Runner-up	Plant Trevor	5.109	19
3rd	Johnson Bryan	2.617	12
4th	Winnett Ron	1.53	7
5th	Patterson Richard	1.45	6
6th	Casey John	1.44	7
7th	Carey Bruce	1.37	8
8th	McGruddy Peter	0.41	1
9th	Patterson Tina	0.16	1

Heaviest Fish

Place	Name	Weight Kg
First	Plant Trevor	0.53 kg
Runner Up	Mc Gruddy Peter	0.41kg
3rd	Patterson Richard	0.39 kg
4th	Johnson Meg	0.385 kg

Lucky Draws

Name
Johnson Meg
Plant Trevor
Carey Bruce
Casey John
Patterson Richard

Smallest Fish

Name & Weight Kg
Casey John - 0.15 kg

Lightest Bag

Name & Weight Kg
Patterson Tina - 0.16 kg

Snapper Comp September 2019

No Snapper Weighed in



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In Search of Wahoo

As the warm ocean currents push down from the north, it brings with it, a large variety of pelagic fish, including Marlin, Mackerel, Dolphin Fish, Tuna and Wahoo. Fishing for these fish requires a whole new range of fishing gear as some of these fish can weigh in at well over the hundred kilograms so if the opportunity comes up to buy a couple of new fishing rods and reels, just buy them.

It was early September when Brett Waters and Trevor Bourke told stories of big Wahoo at Hutchison's Shoal. Stories of unstopables, which would peel off two hundred meters of line only to be cut off after a massive fight.

Each year around the end of September, the word filters down from Mooloolaba, that the Sailfish and Marlin have started following the bait schools down the Queensland coast, signalling the start of the pelagic season.

Reports of Spanish Mackerel and Wahoo had also come from a couple of the local the thought of catching a twenty kilogram Wahoo certainly created a bit of excitement. I had decided to make up a few single wire traces to stop the Wahoo biting through the lines and passed them on to Trevor and Brett in the hope that the boys would stand a better chance of landing one of these monsters.

I had been watching the weather and although the forecasters promised fine conditions with light winds, I knew that it would be a little uncomfortable, so I decided to stay at home, until I received an invitation to go out in Brett's 6.2 meter Haines Signature. A very capable half cabin boat that would keep me warm and dry, so I accepted the invitation.

Tuesday morning came and the wind did appear to have dropped off as we rounded the tip of Skirmish Point. I wasn't sure if the waves were really a lot smaller or whether it was the fact that I was travelling in a much heavier fibreglass boat. We arrived at the secret bait spot and loaded the live well with about twenty yakkas. These live baits are irresistible to Wahoo, so if we could catch one fish for each live bait, we would be doing extremely well, seeing that you are only allowed two fish per person.

As we headed off towards Hutchison's Shoal, we noticed a lot of birds feeding on the acres of small live bait just inside the green zone. The sea looked surprisingly calm, so the excitement was starting to grow as we approached Hutchies.

We had just arrived at Hutchies when we noticed that the wind had increased to almost 15 knots, as you could see the little white caps forming on top of the waves. I hooked one of the small yakkas onto a 9/0 circle hook and tied a balloon about 6 meters up the line and slowly let the line out until the balloon was about fifty meters away as the anchor locked onto a patch of reef.

Brett did the same but added a little more air to ensure that the balloons stayed well separated. Everything was ready for the Wahoo, so we decided to fish the bottom while we waited for the balloons to go off.



It didn't take long for Brett to hook onto a nice Gold spot Cod which was soon followed by a 3.6 kg Spangled Emperor, a personal best for Brett. I must have been fishing out of the wrong side of the boat because I had not felt a bite.

We had only just placed the fish into the esky, when I saw my balloon race across the top of the waves. The line snapped tight as it cut through the water. My rod was now bent hard over with my reel screaming as the fish disappeared into the depths below. I had forgotten how good it was to hear the sound of that ratchet screaming as the line was disappearing off the reel. With almost a kilometre of line available, I wasn't worried, so I increased the drag to about 8kg and let the fish run. Finally after about two hundred and fifty meters of line left the reel, the noise stopped. This was when the real work started. Slowly but surely this massive fish started to give in to the pressure of the reel.

After about ten minutes and a lot of grunting and groaning on my part, the fish made a dash for the anchor rope and wound the line around it. I was thankful that I was using nylon because a braided line would have quickly snapped. We needed to untangle the line from the anchor rope but this was not going to be an easy job.

The wind had increased the size of the waves and quite a large swell had also developed making it almost impossible to walk around the outside of the cabin, so Brett crawled through the cabin and came out of the front hatch. I reached around the outside of the cabin as far as I could all the time hoping I could hold on to the rod under the pressure of the fish which was still trying to fight for his freedom. Finally Brett managed to grab the rod.

Brett was now leaning over the front of the boat trying to pass the rod under the anchor rope with the waves smashing over the front, all the time trying to keep my reel out of the water. I am not sure how he managed to stay in the boat, but finally, he managed to free the line which brought along a whole new set of problems.



With the line now free of the anchor rope, the fish found a new hope and almost ripped the rod out of Brett's hands. The boat was bouncing up, down and sideways. Brett was now sitting on the front of the boat and the smooth and shiny fibreglass cabin made fighting this fish just a little more difficult, but Brett was determined to get this fish on board.

Another ten minutes had passed and Brett was showing signs of pain, when finally, we could see the wind—on leader near the surface. Brett used all his strength to try to wind the fish up to the surface but just at that moment, it darted under the boat and snapped the line. It really didn't matter that the fish found its freedom but it would have been nice to see what this monster was.

The wind and waves had not changed and the sea was starting to look a little angry, but we were determined to catch one of these monsters. I estimated the weight of the fish to be at least 50kilograms, so it was extremely unlikely that it could have been a Wahoo, but the thought of a big Cobia had us wondering.

We reset the lines with a new balloon and we had only just put it out when it went off again. This time the fight lasted for less than a minute before the line was cut well above the steel trace. No sooner did we attach another balloon when Brett's live bait took off. The balloon popped as a 1.5 meter shark leapt out of the water confirming our thoughts that the mystery fish weren't Wahoo but simply a lot of hungry sharks. We kept trying another four or five times but in each case the lines were cut by the sharks.

It was now about 3:30pm and we could see a large storm approaching from the north. Gusts of wind were now reaching almost 25knots, so we decided to call it a day and try again when the Wahoo are really there.



Random Photos



Just to Prove that Brett Waters can catch Cobia and that the first one wasn't a fluke

The second one was 12.5kg



Richard Caldararo just seems to know when, where and how to catch them every year

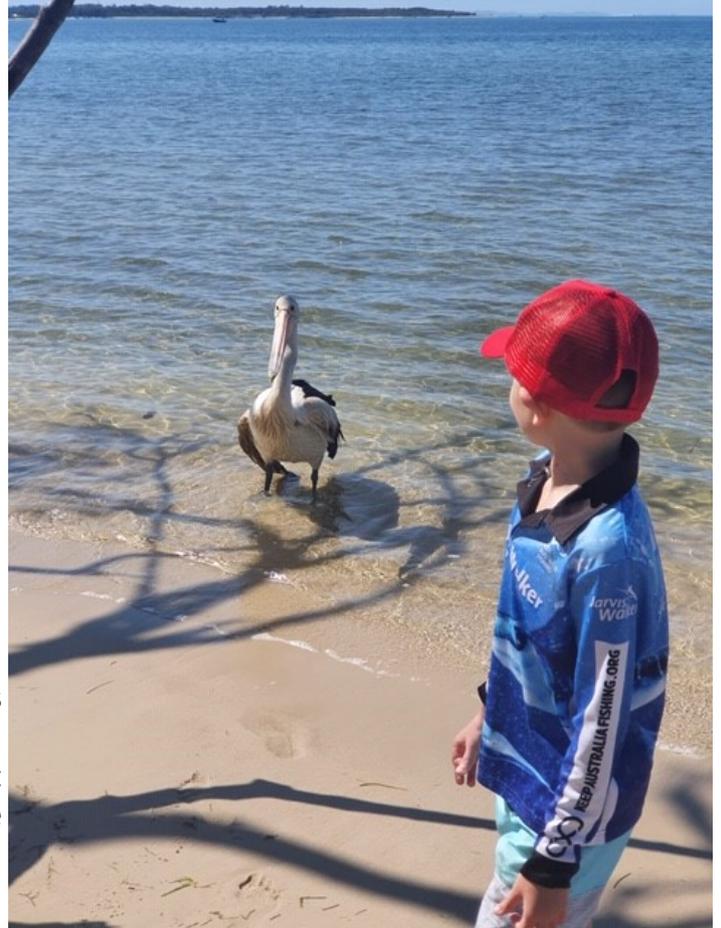
This one was 3.2kg

Saving MR. Percival

I would like to regale you with a good Story which evolved last Saturday, at our regular fishing spot of Pebble Beach Parklands. After digging yabbies the previous afternoon with wife Julie and two grandsons Riley and Aiden, we ventured out to find those elusive fish around 9:00 AM. After a short while and a couple of no take and undersized fish, a large Pelican wandered out of the mangroves, looking dirty and a little worse for wear.



Both my grandsons, being both a little green and conservationists, were onto me to feed him my precious 1 kilogram of pilchards and fresh mullet, which Mr. Percival was quite happy to take out of my hand. We noticed that he had a broken wing and a large ball of heavy fishing line and tangled around his body, so it was decided to try and contact some form of rescue.



This seems like a simple chore, but not all are helpful. Finally, we contacted the Twinnies of the North Coast who were busy with their own rescue, so we were passed on to a Bribie lady named Chris Watson. She unfortunately was in hospital for the day, so we dealt with her husband Richard. He couldn't arrive for some hours and asked me to capture the bird until he arrived. Put yourself in our shoes for a moment. A wild bird, running out of food for him, two grandkids and wife, nothing to net the bird with or store him for any length of time and no fish. It was also way past lunch for two boys.

By this time, Mr Percival had seen four other Pelicans out in the Bay. It is decided after a call to Richard, that we would leave and he would get there as soon as possible.

We had been home for about 1 1/2 hours when Richard rang and asked me to meet him at Pebble Beach. The bird had obviously met up with his mates and was seen heading up to the passage entrance, so Richard decided that he would go to the Sandstone Point Hotel jetty to watch for them.

The next morning to our surprise Paula Powers one of the Twinnies, rang me to say that they had found Mr Percival in the mangroves at the hotel and had fed him and then caught the bird as they do by tackling him; one from the front and one from the back holding his huge bill together.

They thanked us for our efforts and wanted to offer a special thankyou to Riley and Aiden for their concern and good will towards our native wildlife. After checking on their Facebook page, we saw that they removed the line and hooks and the wing should heal naturally at their sanctuary.



Along with this Story I have collected a few phone numbers that you may wish to save to your phone, as some of us have come across injured wildlife before and even after contacting the proper people the outcome is not always a happy ending.

BIEPA	Dianne Oxenford	0438 111 163
The Twinnies	Paula Bridgegate	0421 476 561
Pelican and Seabird Rescue		0412 021 032

Bribie Island RSL Social Fishing Club

Information Sheet

Rainbow Beach – Carlo Point Competition

Fri 16 to Sun 18 October 2020

The Club is conducting its away fishing competition for Rainbow Beach (Carlo Point) fishers and socialites at Rainbow Beach on Friday 16th to Sunday 18th of October 2020. Hopefully members will catch plenty of good quality fish of many species such as bream, flathead, trevally, cod, whiting, mangrove jack and more.

Cabin Options



Two Bedroom Spa Villa



Two Bedroom Villa



One Bedroom Budget Cabin



One Bedroom Superior Cabin

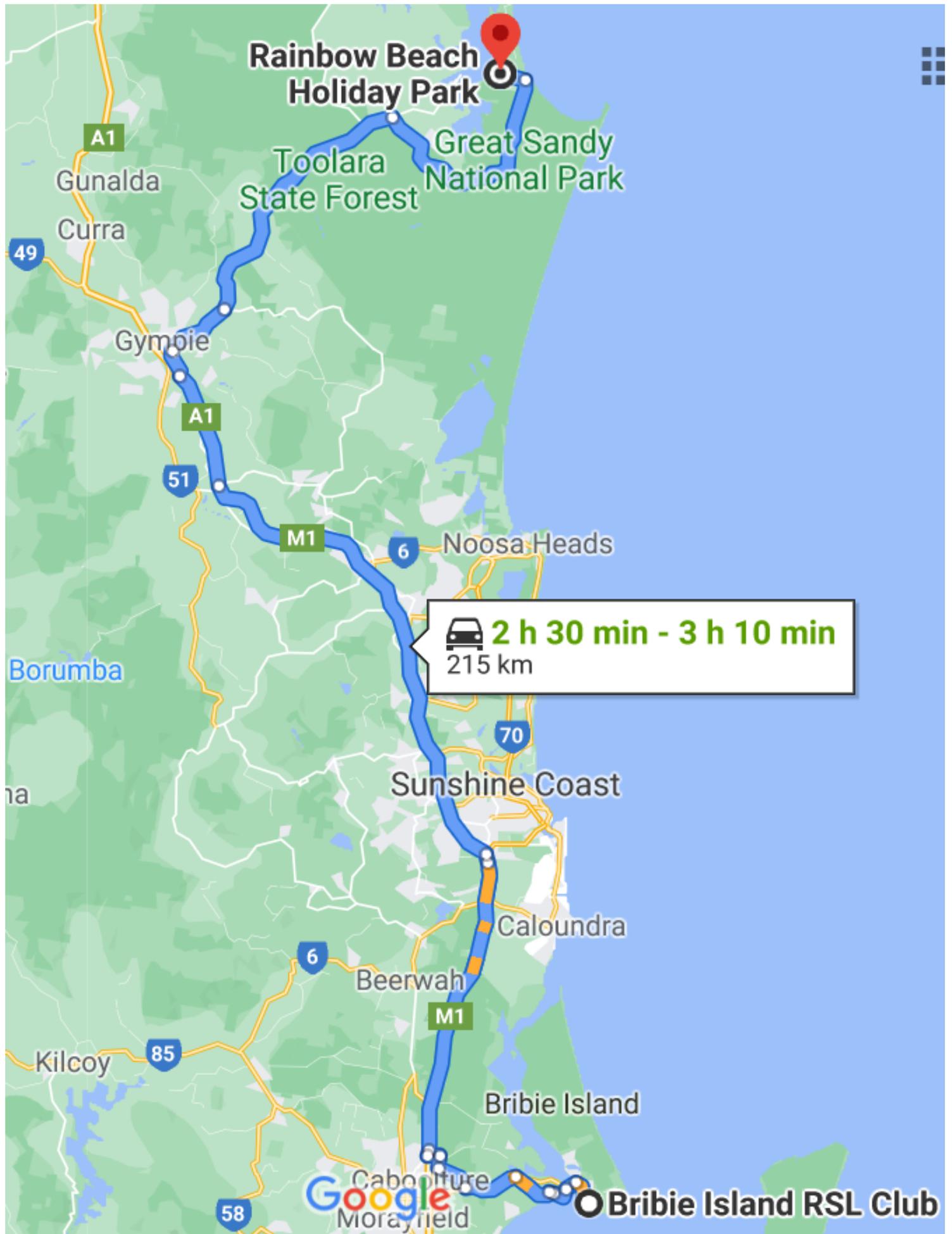


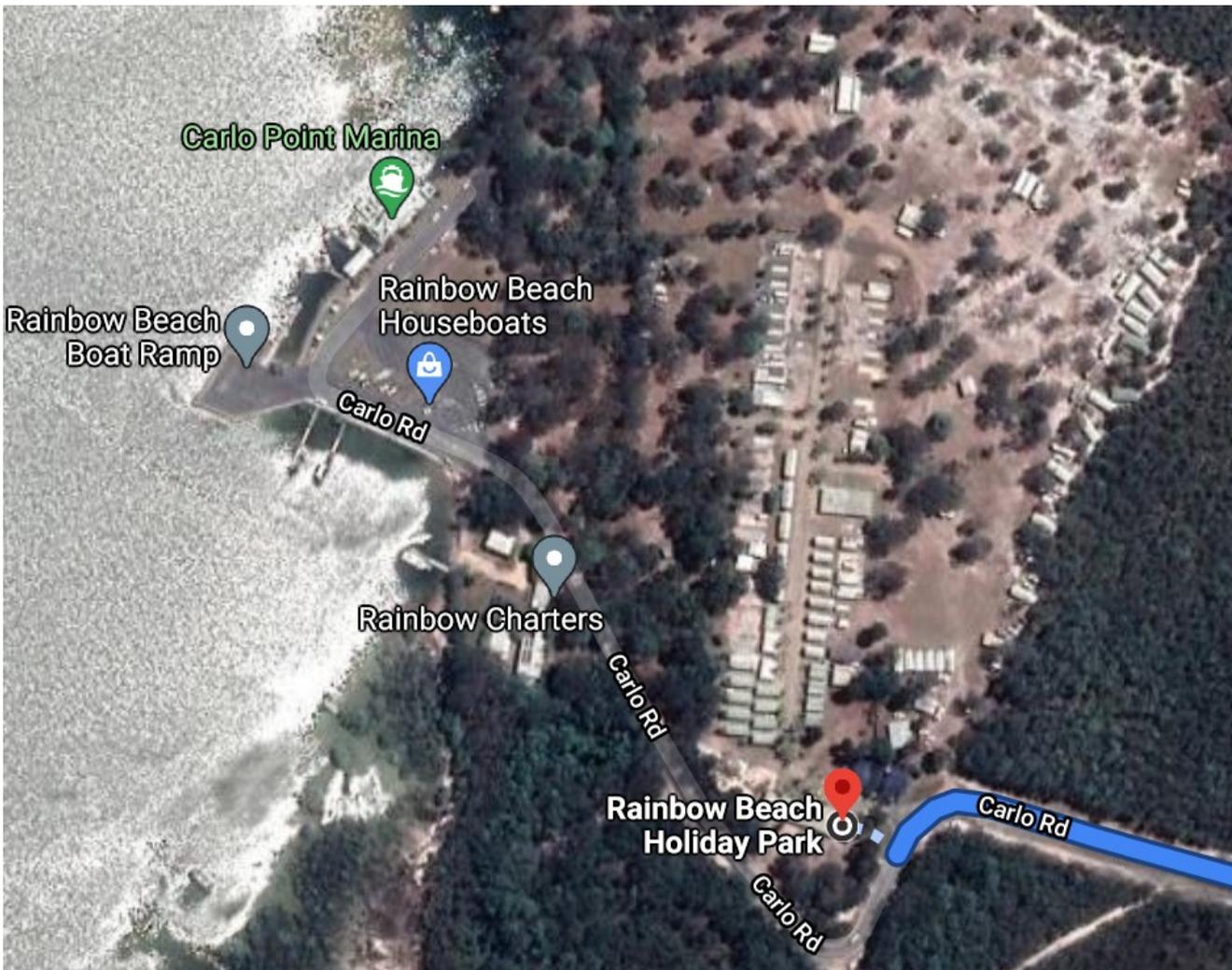
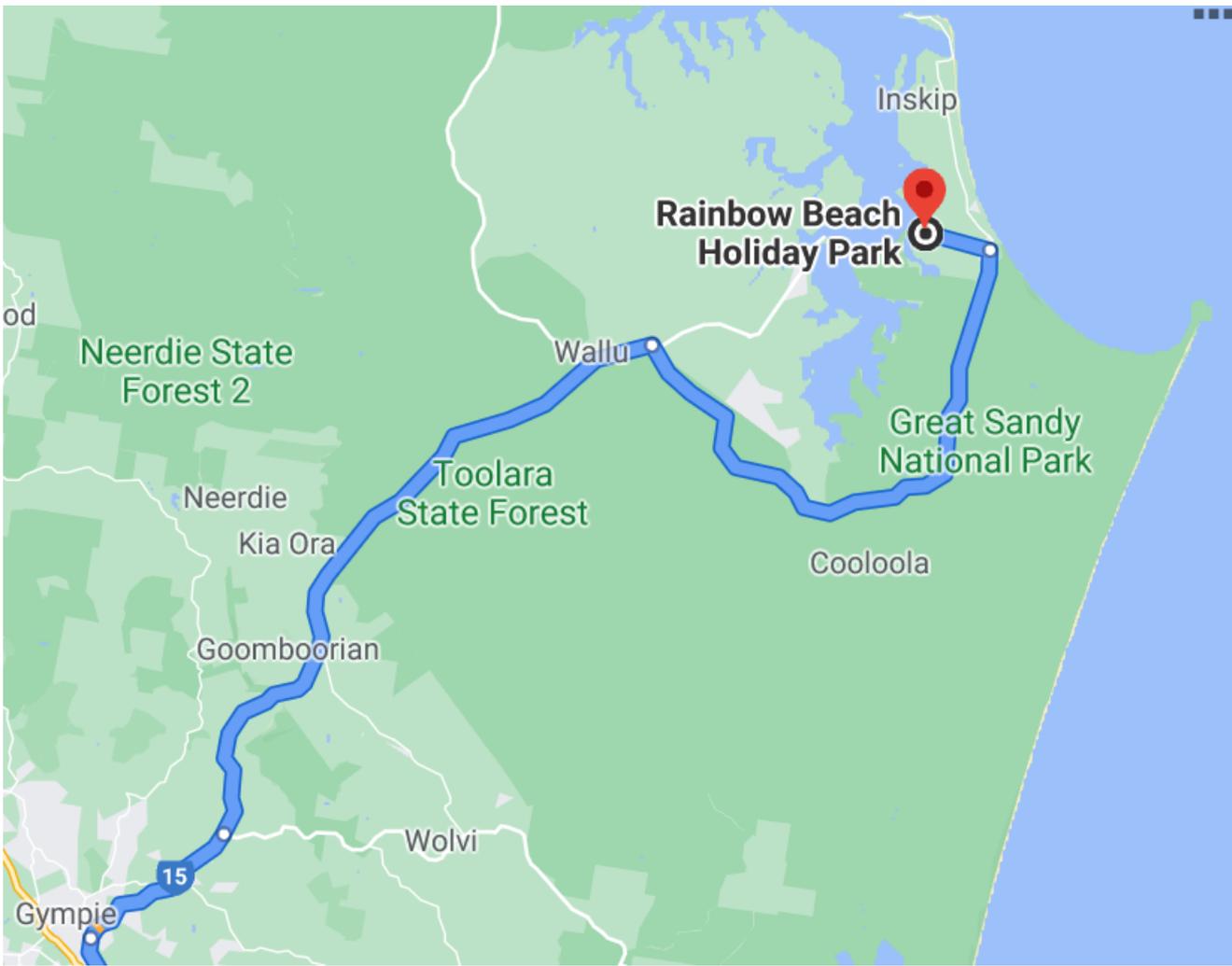
Ensuite Cabin



How to get there

For those familiar with the internet, have a look at "Google Maps". See extracts below ...





Rainbow Beach Holiday Park

Phone:- 07 5486 3200

Reception open hours 8:00am-5:00 pm daily.

Rainbow Beach Holiday Park

308 Carlo Road

Rainbow Beach QLD 4581



Following are the cabin allocations arising out of the lucky draw held last General Meeting:

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| 1. Frank and Shelia Oostenbroek | 24. Steve Burns, Angie Stenning and Dianne Caldarado |
| 3. Bob and Sue Smith | 25. Loris and Ony Roubin |
| 5. Keith & Julie Kable | 26. Chris Kneller, Margaret Langley, Vic and Alison Herring |
| 6. Jim and Cheryl Kennedy | 27. Peter and Pam McGruddy |
| 7. John & Jillian Davis | 28. Trevor and Robyn Bourke |
| 8. Tony Maatouk and son | |
| 9. Brian & Meg Johnson | |
| 10. Mike & Margaret Phillips | |
| 11. Jin and Wendy Urquart | |
| 12. Amrat and Carmel Chauhan | |

Rules and policies - <https://rainbowbeachholidaypark.com.au/rules-policies/>

Things to do - <https://rainbowbeachholidaypark.com.au/things-to-do/>

Link:- <https://rainbowbeachholidaypark.com.au/>

Link to site map:- <https://rainbowbeachholidaypark.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Rainbow-Beach-Holiday-Park-Map.pdf>

Email Address stay@rainbowbeachholidaypark.com.au

The cost of the 1 nights' accommodation has been subsidised by the Club. Given the monies you have already paid, you do not have to dip into your pockets again for Friday and Saturday. Checkout on the following Sunday has been arranged for 10am.

If you wish to extend your stay at the park outside of the Friday and Saturday nights, then you **need to make your own arrangements with the Rainbow Beach Holiday Park including payment of the extra stays.**

The Cabins have linen provided.

The experience of those who have participated in this competition previously and who have stayed at the Rainbow Beach Holiday Park is that you should be able to access your cabins reasonably early in the afternoon so getting there around about lunch time should not be a problem.

What is happening

Friday Night - we have booked tables upstairs at the Rainbow Beach Hotel, 1 Rainbow Beach Road for 6pm. Usual pub fare is on offer - hamburgers, pizzas, pasta, fish, parmies and steak. Prices range from \$18 to \$25 for most. Steaks are from \$20 - \$38 depending on type, size and accompaniments. Dinner and drinks at own expense.

Saturday Night - We have booked tables at the Rainbow Beach Surf Club, Wide Bay Esplanade for 6pm. Meals much as per the above. The Fishing Club will subsidize meals to the value of \$20 per member. Presentations will be made after dinner.

Wide Bay Esplanade

Rainbow Beach QLD 4581

Email gm@rainbowbeachsurf.com.au

Phone 07 5486 3249

Menu <https://www.rainbowbeachsurf.com.au/blank-page>

Rainbow Beach Taxi has a maxi taxi which takes 9 pax. Cost from the Caravan Park is \$20. Needs to be booked as required - PH:- 0411 072 349.

All other meals are by your own arrangement.

Breakfast is by your own arrangement especially the type to suit state of the body after the night before and especially if you are going to start fishing at 6am.

For those who don't fish:

Saturday 17th Oct - Tin Can Bay Markets - RSL Community Hall, Gympie Road. 8am till 12 noon. Has produce, plants and crafts.

Gympie Museum markets - Lake Alford Duck Ponds - Live music and extensive array of stalls. Also visit the museum.

Walk up Rainbow Beach from Surf Club about 1km to Coloured Sand Cliffs.

Bush walk to Carlo Sand blow - Drive to the top of Cooloola Drive and walk 600metres from car park or take the longer walk from the National Parks office.

Rainforest walk at Bymien. Back along Gympie Road and turn off onto Freshwater Road to the left, 3kms of good gravel surface to Bymien.

Seary's Creek - 7kms from town towards Gympie - a walk with 2 waterholes, boardwalks and bridges and history story-boards.

Fishing competition

This is a Club event hence you will need to nominate for the month if you haven't already done so by either the annual nomination payment or by individual month. Please pay your dollars to Trevor Plant.

Fishing commences at 6am and finishes at 4pm on Saturday. Weigh-in on Saturday is at 4pm beside Cabin 1.

If you are weighing in your catch, you must be at the weigh-in point by the weigh-in time which is 4pm!!

The presentation will be on the Saturday night.

Note that the club fish sizes apply which is a minimum of 25cm (unless there is a longer legal limit imposed by law – see below) for most species except for Bream & Tarwine which have a club minimum length of 27cms.

Please ensure you check the size and take limits applicable to each of the species. If you have the internet go to <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/rules-regulations/size-possession-limits-tidal> It is your responsibility to check for yourselves.

The competition will be contested with a ladies' category and a men's category for heaviest bags caught, and combination of the categories for biggest fish. The prizes will be for each category, the heaviest bag 1st, 2nd, 3rd; for combined categories, the biggest fish and second biggest fish of any species for the competition; and a lucky draw for those who did not get to weigh a fish. These prizes are the same as those for the competition last year. The competition allows for the weigh in of up to and including your best 5 of each species. The Fishing boundaries are as stated in Weigh-master document but **does not include offshore**.

Bait Restrictions

Because of the White Spot disease and subsequent Movement Control Order, we do need to be careful of where fresh bait has come from. The zone for the Movement Control Order for White Spot stretches from the NSW border to Caloundra. This means that any prawns, crabs, yabbies and marine worms etc caught in the control zone cannot be taken outside of the zone and used as fresh bait. Also, any fresh bait caught outside of the control zone, taken into the zone for whatever reason and then taken out again, cannot then be used as bait in that area. So – what to do – pump your yabbies, catch your worms and source your other fresh bait north of Caloundra. If you are unsure of this situation, please read the material at the following link - <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/animal-industries/animal-health-and-diseases/a-z-list/white-spot-disease>

Rainbow Beach – Carlo Point Competition

Competition – Saturday Start 06.00 AM to 04.00 PM

Competition boundary:

All points upstream from the mouth of the Tin Can Inlet (Green and Yellow markers on map).

Off the adjacent surf beach from Inskip Point to Double Island Point.

Presentation is on Saturday Night and will include prizes for the following:

‘Weigh-ins’ will be at 04.00 PM Beside Cabin 1

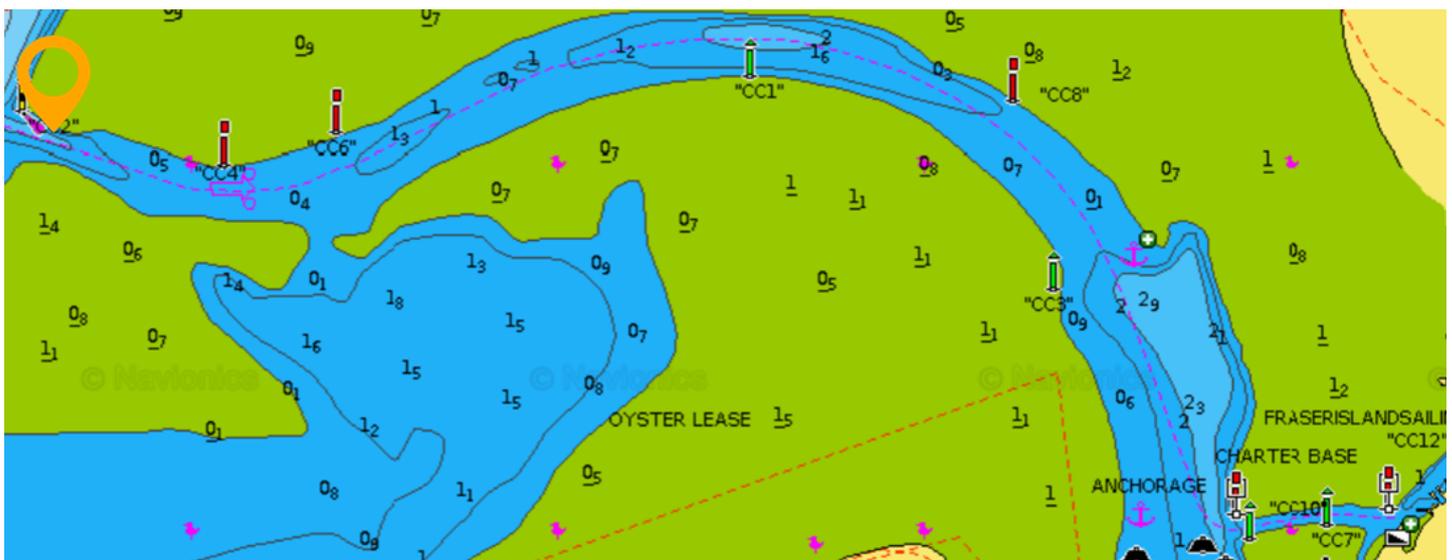
To access the Tin Can Inlet - Follow the ‘red dotted line’ from the boat ramp as shown on the maps below...

Rainbow Beach	1st	2nd	3rd
Men’s (Heaviest Bag)	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
Wooden Spoon (Lightest Bag)	\$5.00		
Ladies (Heaviest Bag)	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
Wooden Spoon (Lightest Bag)	\$5.00		
Heaviest Fish (Combined)	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
Wooden Spoon (Smallest Fish)	\$5.00		
Lucky Draw	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

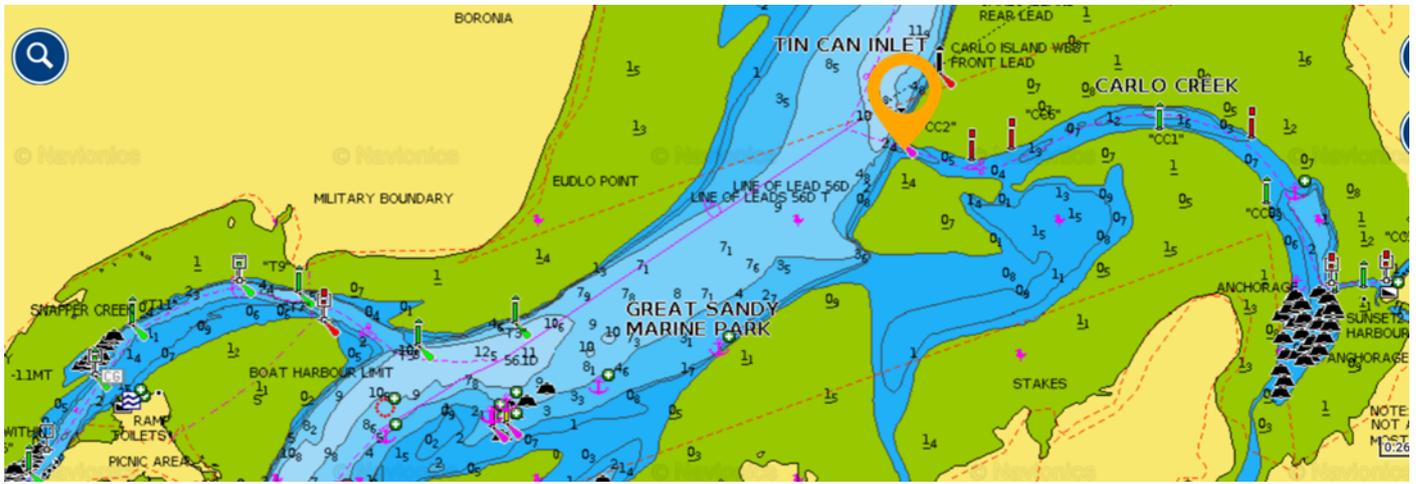
Boat Ramp...



Zoomed out... (red pointer shows same point from previous map, yellow pointer shows same point on next map)



Zoomed out again...



Full Map (red arrow points to 'boat-ramp' location)



To view this chart use this link - <https://webapp.navionics.com/#boating@12&key=nea%7DCer%60e%5C>

Save a copy of this document on your phone – this will allow you to use the links directly.

Good luck everyone and here's hoping you have a really beaut time.



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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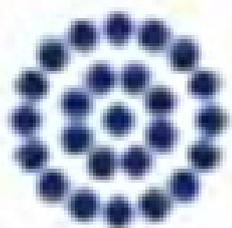
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