

REDLAND BAY AMATEUR FISHING CLUB INC



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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Giddy, welcome to all the new and returning members,
Good luck, good fishing, good times.

The fishing clubs netball team The Pillies had a good game in the finals; they gave their opponents a run for their money and got runners up for the season good work girls.
The girls are looking for more players for next season call Michelle Bowie for details on 0407597674.

The year is drawing to a close, I won't be running for the president position again for next year, so think about someone to nominate.

Think carefully on who will do a good job for the members and the club; don't vote for someone just because they put their hand up we need people that are active members and don't just do it to get them out of the house.

Thank you to everyone that helped me and the club this year.

A big thanks to Joe Feher, Roy Funnel, Liz and Bryan Burmeister, Gav and Sue Bycroft, the boats and bits crew, and Linden, Wally Ninnis and to everyone that helped in the raffles and at the working bee.

Ps: Remember support each other and our sponsor's
The Bone (Tony Ross).

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Important dates

24th Nov- Trophy night, Santa, Jason and his band, \$30 per head, kids free, happy hour 6pm to 7pm byo grog

6th Dec - Annual general meeting
7.30pm

Raffles

2nd Dec:- Brett Ashcroft, Ken Tilly

9th Dec:- Steve Collins, Greg Lee, Lionel Phillips

16th Dec:- Roy Funnel, Tony Ross

Inshore Report:

"Well" What a great year we've had. As per usual we had all of nature's elements throw everything at us through the year including hail on the last trip. That Logan River can be really dangerous sometimes. Just ask Wal! But anyway, sadly all good things eventually come to an end. No more fishin!

All the scores are tallied and our trophy night should be a cracker. Whether you are up for a trophy or not I do hope we have, as every year, a good turnout (if possible) of inshore fishos.

In October we had two trips with the first on the 12th and 13th. Species was Whiting

The weather was looking dodgy and only four boats went out. Runner up was ever reliable Lionel Phillips with a good catch. It may have been the good work of a great deckie in our Treasurer Joe, but luck was on my side claiming first prize including species with a bonus Whiting totaling all up 116 points. 26th and 27th was our last trip with twelve boats heading out into a night of total mystery weather. My good wife thought myself and all of us were absolutely nuts for heading out. Luckily I stayed away from the Logan and missed the hail and lightning strikes. It was great to see a good roll-up to end the season. Species for the trip was sweetlip with none other than Big Ernie claiming both species and total overall with 168 points. Well done Ernie you went from one end of the bay to the other for just rewards. I won't be nominating myself for the captaincy next year. I'll be personally giving my thanks to all who supported me through the year at the trophy night. Thanks again, it's been a good ride.
Paul.

Offshore Report:

This is my last Offshore report. Well it's been a tough year for offshore fishing. My hardest as captain in three years, and possibly the toughest I can remember. The weather has had it's moments, but it's generally been very hard to pick. The main highlight was a social trip to 1770. Our first day was our best ever, with great trout, reds and sweeties. However the others managed to cruise past our best efforts later in the week with even more impressive hauls. The only real disappointment was our last trip of the year, which was the only club trip ever in 7 years that i've gone home early, only out of frustration though. While the conditions were still just workable, it wasn't an enjoyable place to be, and for me, that's not what fishing's about. I believe to increase the attraction to offshore events, it will take a new strategy, a new way of thinking to meet the demand for the modern last minute fisho who has a busy life, a destination already in mind, but will make an effort due to the excitement of his great catch, and a need for that social interaction we are missing.

My own excitement for offshore club events is still strong, yet I will not be taking on the role as captain in the immediate future. The mood amongst the crew is that of time for change, and I agree. However, I have a good feeling the best offshore fishing is yet to come.

On a brighter note, I would like to thank Tony for a job well done this year. It's a huge effort being president, and I think Tony has put in a huge one. Calling the shots seems easy from a distance, but if it's anything like predicting weather for a hobby, I say let someone else have a turn.

As for promoting the club next year, Buss N Beach is a great idea, but I think we needed more input for fresh interesting ideas. Paul and I started off O.K, but I personally needed some more material for when the offshore scene shut down, and I had nothing interesting left to say.

Well that's it. I look forward to seeing the gang at trophy night. Don't be shy, as I'm sure anyone who attends will have a great time.

Till then, it's just about mackerel time, my favorite time of year, by for now,
Paul

