



## *SBSFC Newsletter*

### **Next Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, Beenleigh Community Centre**

**This Meeting** – Planning for interclub weekend, Jacob's Well

#### **Presidents Ramble – May 2025**

**Welcome to my notes for the May 2025 Newsletter.**

Yea the election was set for 3 May and we should know the result by the meeting at least for the House of Representatives. Divisions which are close may take some time as will the senate. I can honestly say working in pre-poll at Beenleigh was exhausting. We issued between 2,000 and 3,000 votes per day we were operating. I am sure the numerous holidays influenced this and in particular the long weekend the actual polling day occurred.



A couple of notes/requests:

1. The club Bunnings BBQ is on 8 June and I am away with my son Bryan and the boys from NSW so I need someone to collect the sausages and bread from Fresh and Save on the Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. I will organise the 5 boxes of sausages (the bread is always available but I will let them know as well). I will leave my very large esky at home for the sausages but you will need a medium size to fit them all in.
2. For the club trip to Borumba (Sat 6 to Sat 13 September) we need to pay the deposit soon and a bit later after that the final payment. If you are coming please confirm it so we can work out the cost.

Remember that if you do go fishing, please send photos and a ramble to Trevor. . Help us to build a bigger and better newsletter. If you find an interesting article you can also share that through Trevor. Help us to build a bigger and better newsletter.

A reminder that our principal longer trip to Glenlyon in November remains one of our signature trips and the May competition on behalf of ANSA this year is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people. The weekend after the meeting is the competition weekend, so please register if you have not already.

We have completed the calendar for next year and I encourage everyone to consider coming along to the weekend and longer trips. All the multi-day trips are now locked in. It is of course a work in progress as we must advise ANSA/QLD Sportfishers of changes to ensure the insurance remains in place.

The speakers/topics for the meetings are:

- May – Discuss and finalise the Interclub Competition at Jacobs Well coming this month
- June – Discuss fishing Tweed River as it has been a number of years
- July – Knots night with YouTube and practical demo's
- August – AGM and start planning 2026
- September – Fishing Burrum Heads and targeting Mackerel
- October – Fishing Lake Somerset
- November – TBA (Most regulars down at Glenlyon Dam)
- December – firm up 2026 calendar

Where possible the weekends will be confirmed close to date so the Trip Captain can adjust for weather and conditions. Mid-week trips will be organised by Facebook or email. These will operate as simply "I am going fishing in a day or so and leaving from XXX at YYY."

Our meetings still require safe hygiene and social distancing remain the only current method to keep ourselves and our families safe. Remember you can but do not need to sign in as we capture all the attendees and their contact details. In any case if you feel the need please wear a mask at our meetings and of course do not come if unwell.

Please continue to interact through our Facebook page to invite others along for impromptu and planned trips: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176495542392600/> I am pleased to see we continue to attract new people to our Facebook page. It continues to amaze me how many followers we have, and I encourage everyone to continue to post stuff there, especially trips, to encourage our sport.

ANSA Queensland has not increased fees in 2024/25. They remain in good financial order. We will hold our fees at \$50 for a single and \$70 for a family in 2024/25. I have been remiss in not emphasising that we remain a social and learning club.

**Stay safe, stay well and let's continue to make 2025 even better**

## Leslie Dam Trip Report by The Editor

A trip of contrasts!! Well attended, eight members attending, but that was whittled down to six after day one, and another almost succumbing to a health problem, more of that later. Leslie Dam Caravan Park was the venue for our stay, a bit dearer than Glenlyon, but the added advantage of having a shower/toilet in each cabin.

Everyone was on the water on Monday PM, with a strong SW wind making things a bit difficult launching and retrieving, with the wind blowing right onto the ramp. A minefield of floats marked the shrimp traps being deployed. While the shrimps were marching into the traps, everyone concentrated on trolling and jigging. JC trolled up a small cod and Lundy and Andreas jigged up a Golden on a blade.



That evening, the usual happy hour, with all the accompanying banter about old trips and some to come. Lundy said he was feeling a bit out of sorts, and was not from too many drinks. Next morning, he was really sick, to the extent of deciding to go

home. Chris and Andreas reluctantly departed and the rest of us got on the water, emptying traps and deciding where to start fishing. The wind had dropped back to glass calm. I decided to concentrate on trolling having made some new lure designs for the trip, and the fact that I didn't put any traps out the previous arvo (single handed in the wind made it difficult plus no shrimp bait), so in went a couple this morning. Heading up the dam, I found Lloyd and Owen were bait fishing as well as Martin (soloing like me) Marti had a couple of Golden's, but reported they were extremely timid in taking a shrimp and the fish seemed to be moving about (on his Livescope)

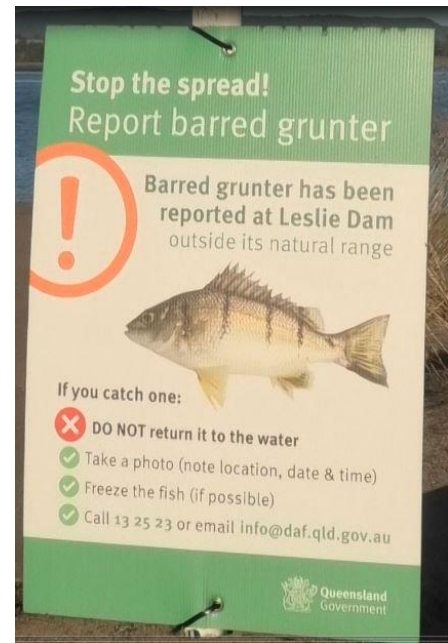
I decided to go on a recce, to reacquaint myself with Leslie, having not fished it for over 25 years. Trolling my way up past the well known Xanthorrhoea's (the usual name not politically correct) towards the Rocklands Reserve (Sandy Creek) arm. One Golden was the result and the total for a very long day. Everyone reported the same as Martin, shy bites, a couple of fish in a burst of activity for a short period and then going quiet. Moving spots regularly seemed to be the answer.



Pete Thompson recovering from kidney stones bit the bullet and fished with JC, who patiently coped with the many urinary relief moments. He had bad news on Wednesday after a phone consultation found his treatment having to be re done. Pete was a bit depressed after that, but came back well next morning, and going out again.



That was pretty well the norm all week, a couple of fish here and there. Lloyd and Martin caught their bag limits. JC trolled up another small Cod. Some Silver Perch mixed in with the Goldens and a couple of the Barred Grunter, which unfortunately have been introduced in fingerling releases. Two days of glassed out conditions followed a strong SE change the final day. I have finished a video of the trip, which you can see this meeting if time allows, failing that, next month.



### **Flush M by Ross Williamson**

Recently on the trip to Jervis Bay after flushing my Tohatsu I got distracted and forgot to reinstall the flushing plug on the side of the motor. Fortunately when we drove off to go fishing for the day the plug fell down in the driveway so when we came back and went looking for it we found it ; otherwise the boat would have been useless for the remainder of the trip. This inlet allows me to completely flush my motor without it running. The thermostat for motors with this feature has a small hole so the motor does not need to run to flush the entire system and in my case should not be run.

I have forgotten the plug a couple of times so I went searching to buy a second. Whilst searching I found another product that may work being Flush M. They did not offer a Tohatsu product on their website so I contacted them direct to see if they did. They responded no.

Looking a bit closer I thought the Suzuki model looked like it may fit. I determined to visit a Suzuki dealership and test that. I also looked at the route of the hose in my motor and it looked suitable. Later when I got home I did a bit more research (note it was difficult to get real details) and found that the thread in my flushing point was American standard ½ inch and so was the Suzuki, so I bit the bullet and ordered one.



It works except I had to remove the washer from the Suzuki Flush M as the Tohatsu has an inbuilt washer. Voila it works. I will test it on the water (and carry the Tohatsu Plug in case) in the near future. Members with a similar flushing point may want to check them out as they have models for Mercury, Suzuki and Yamaha and Honda.

<https://flush-m.com/collections/frontpage>

## Annual Membership Fees

Normal Membership - \$50, Family Membership - \$70, Student under 16 (non family) \$15, Junior - \$15

You can pay by cash at a meeting or by direct deposit into  
BSB 814282 Account 30814236



**Any club member wishing to sell gear, please let me know so I can place it in the newsletter**