



## APRIL NEWSLETTER

### Next Meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

7pm Beenleigh Bowls Club

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#### Coming Trips

##### **Southern Bay May 28<sup>th</sup>**

This trip will be around the Southern Bay (mouth of the Logan, Russell Island and adjacent area ) Lloyd is the trip captain for the trip.

##### **Southern Bay Trip (Winter Whiting, Squid) June 18th**

We need a Winter Whiting and Squid expert to captain this trip. Looking at the area east of Macleay Island on the Banana Banks. In good weather, well within the reach of a 3.8m boat.

##### **Brisbane River (lower) July 17th**

This trip at the mouth of the river, can be a very productive area to those who know it. The Tailor hopefully will be running at the wall at the mouth as they were on previous club trips to area. Snapper, Flathead and Bream as well.

##### **Trout Trip, Uncle Billy's Retreat.**

**A discussion at next meeting is to change this trip to either Urunga, Iluka or Fraser due to the cost of Billy's retreat.**

#### Mid-Year Dinner

The venue for the Mid-Year Dinner on Sat May 21 is Fitzzy's Hotel, Road House Grill, Cnr Bryants Rd & Pacific Hwy Loganholme, 6:30PM

Click below for menu

[fitzy,s hotel menu](#)

#### Trip Report

##### Southern Moreton bay by Jeff Maddalena

Trip Report- two vessels ventured out on Sunday morning, Chris Lund was in my boat and Neil McNeil was deckie with Kevin Ford. Brad Baldwin did fish on Saturday and must have had a quiet one because there were no reports on Facebook through the morning.

We launched early on Sunday morning as to be ready for the Macleay island kookaburras. Lots of spare car parks at the Weinam Creek ramp at that time of the morning and it was like that for the return as well.

This turned out to be a nice morning on the water with a light northerly breeze. Although we were off Potts at the right time there was only the sound of someone else's reel screaming in the distance but it didn't sound like it made it to the boat.

The kookaburras were laughing, probably at us.



The old saying 'No run No fun' truly applies to fishing this area and as the tide sped up so did the fishing. I decided to take Chris to my usual safe fishing spot and drift with plastics. This is referred to as the 'Nursery' by Kevin and it took a while for the drift to go in the right direction.

On one of the first drifts I was surprised to hook a flathead measuring 63 cm. then it started to get better with Chris picking up a grassy sweet lip. Through the morning we tagged about 10 snapper between us. My method is to keep all my snapper in my boats live well and tag them all at once time. The theory behind this is so fish I have caught do not scare other fish when released. This also makes it easier to tag as I am only getting my tagging equipment out a few times instead of every time I catch a fish.

It was getting to near the top of the tide so the fishing had slowed. When it was time to tag some fish. So I anchored the Minn koda but I had left my line out. Rod in the holder started to take off. No need to panic I just let the fish run but still thinking I would have to chase it with the electric. This was a good fish and I was fishing light. 6lb braid with 10lb leader. I had landed good fish with light gear before and the fish was starting to slow. And then slack line.....still crying now.

Every time that you lose a good fish you think of how and why. The leader was a clean cut so I am thinking it possibly touched a fin or something on the bottom.

Kevin and Neil went to find Trevor's secret bream spot so covered some ground looking for fish. at the end of the morning their tally was 2x Snapper Each, 2x Dusky Flathead 41cm and 47cm and 1x Bream 29cm.

## **Carp Herpes Virus First Step in Native Fish Recovery Says Alliance**

The Australian, state and territories governments are considering the release of a carp-specific herpes virus to knock down Australia's worst freshwater pest, the European Carp, but it could be a wasted opportunity unless it is supported by river recovery actions.

An alliance between recreational fishers, irrigators, farmers and environment groups agrees that action on carp is needed but is calling on the government to back up the release of the virus with a range of other measures to maximise outcomes for native fish and our waterways.

Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation Managing Director, Allan Hansard, said that carp have had a devastating effect on native fish populations.

“Historical records show recreational fishers used to catch around 18-22 kilos of native fish in a single hour of fishing around Echuca in the 1920s - now you would be lucky to catch that in a week.

“Releasing this virus is a very important step in aiding native fish to recover, however we need multiple management approaches, such as restocking programs to bring native fish back to these rivers once conditions are right,” Mr Hansard said.

National Irrigators’ Council CEO, Tom Chesson, said reports in from NIC Members over the Easter long weekend of fishing were mixed. Whilst there was some handy fish caught, carp continued to dominate.

Our collective efforts to improve the health of the Murray Darling Basin and inland fisheries must be about outcomes. The release of the carp herpes virus will provide us with a window of opportunity to implement an integrated program of measures for the control of Carp, which maximise native fish outcomes. It is really a no-brainer,” Mr Chesson said.

The Alliance is also asking for a long-term program to make sure native fish have the right conditions to thrive once the virus reduces carp numbers.

Healthy Ecosystems Program Manager at the Australian Conservation Foundation, Jonathan La Nauze, said scientists call European carp ‘ecosystem engineers’ for a good reason.

“After they invade a river they drastically change it; destroying plants, turning over the river bed, eroding the banks, and muddying the water.

“Carp leave rivers highly degraded and often quite unsuitable for many native fish, so some rivers will need habitat rehabilitation if we want to see good native fish recovery.

“This is going to involve things like replanting river edges, adding logs and working with farmers to manage stock so stream banks can recover. These techniques have been proven to help native fish populations improve,” Mr La Nauze said.

Invasive Species Council CEO, Andrew Cox, reiterated the level of cooperation needed to achieve results with such a wide spread and long-term program.

“Successful outcomes will need significant investment and cooperation from federal, state and local governments, as well as active participation of catchment management bodies, community groups and members of the public.

“We know Australians want cleaner, healthier rivers. Controlling carp is the first step.

“We need to seize the opportunity of the carp virus release and commit to a long term program to help rivers and native fish communities recover.

“This will be good for native fish and everyone who depends on healthy rivers,” Mr Cox said.

The Clearer Waters Alliance partners are the National Irrigators’ Council, the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation, the Australian Conservation Foundation, the Invasive Species Council and the National Farmers’ Federation.

### **Membership Information**

Meeting are held the first Tuesday of the month, at 7pm sharp, concluding at 9pm sharp. Drinks are available at the bar.

Membership Fees – Adult single \$60, Family \$80, Student over 16 \$20, Child under 16 (no parent in club) \$20, Child under 16 (parent in club) \$10. Visitors Welcome.

Newsletters are e mailed before club meeting, copies at meeting. Please notify me of any e mail changes

### **Gear for Sale by Club Members**

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

### **Club Logos & Stickers – Shirts & Boats**

Large & small boat stickers – Large \$6 Small \$2

SBSFC Club Logo embroidered on your shirt - \$10 - Bring to a club meeting, Back the next.

### **Special Offer to Members of the SBSFC**

As some of you will be aware by now, I obviously have too much time on my hands and have Taken on the challenge of fly casting and am adding this to my fishing repertoire.

I have found the journey so far extremely enjoyable and rewarding, and am being encouraged by my casting mentor to consider gaining

IFFF( International Fly Fisheries Federation) accreditation as a Casting Instructor in the latter part of 2016.

Gaining this accreditation covers many aspects of fly casting as well as the ability to teach.

With this in mind, I’d like to offer free tuition to SBSFC members, family or friends who may have an interest in learning or improving their fly casting skills.

I expect this experience to be of benefit to us both.

If you have an interest, or any questions, please feel free to give me a call A/H on 3829 2525

Kind Regards

Kevin Ford

**LENDING LIBRARY**

The club has a number of fishing and fishing associated DVDs for hire. Available at club meetings, a \$20 deposit, refunded when they are returned at the next meeting

**DEALS FOR CLUB MEMBERS**

**Marine Safe Australia – Marine Safety Gear**

**21 Rowland St, Slacks Creek 3808-1988**

**Danny Hughes Fishing Restoration – Rod/Reel Repairs Ph 0438 012619**

**Yatala Outboard Wrecking – Specialising in used parts for all makes & models. Repairs & Servicing – Gary & Trent 3807 2488 – 7 Old Pacific Hwy**

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