



MAY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting **Tuesday** 2nd

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

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Next Meeting

With our next trip to the southern bay (Giant's Grave, Russel Island etc) Lloyd and JC are going to give us a run down on where and how to fish in that area.

Trip Report

Trip to the Macleay Island area? There was something on facebook apparently. I'm not on facebook, but do I have to rely on it to get information? Our newsletter is only as good as the info members put into it, and the information flow seems to be a bit wanting.

Upcoming Club Trips

.Southern Bay – May 14th Giants Grave, Logan River and adjoining area

Flathead, Jew, Snapper, with the possibility of some Tailor coming through on a making tide. Lloyd Wilmann the captain.

Mid Year Dinner – June 3rd at Fitzzy's, Loganholme

John Eldred needs final numbers this meeting

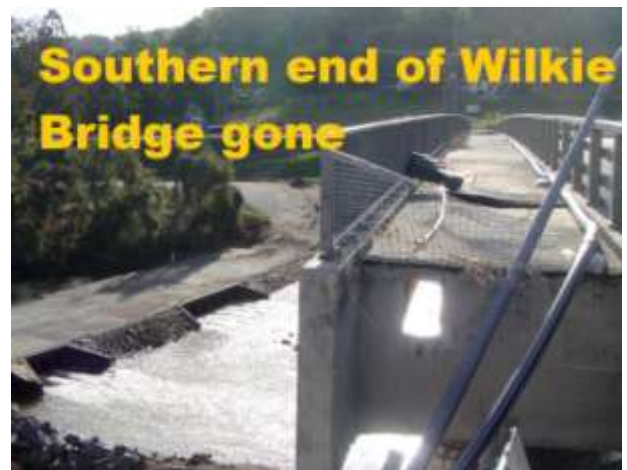
Pumicestone Passage (Bribie) - June 16/17/18th

Some research still to be done on this one, accommodation wise, and having someone with experience in the area. Neil McNeil is the trip captain.

Damage from Debbie

Our roving reporter, Ray Brinknell has been down to survey the damage at our launching place on the Albert River at the Wilkie Bridge and took a number of photos (most with his

finger over the lens again) but with the editing power of Windows Live Photo, I have managed to come with some scenes of the damage done by the wall of water that came down the Albert. The southern end of the culvert gone and the southern end of the bridge undermined and made unusable and closed to traffic. Future repairs, who knows? The unfortunate thing is that the Luscombe Weir survived.



New Member Contact

Owen Powell has volunteered to be our new member liaison person. Mission statement – to meet and greet prospective new members and help them feel at home and answer questions about the club.

Club 25th Anniversary

Our 25th anniversary is coming up apparently (not sure of the actual date) and Pete Thompson is the man who will be organising the celebrations.

Stocked Impoundment Scheme

I recently attended a working group organised by Fisheries Queensland on the SIP as a LAFMA delegate along with a number of other people from other parts of the state. The purpose was to work out a funding formula to allocate the SIP money to stocking groups as

there are a number of weirs and Wyalarong Dam now on the list. When you previously applied for your SIP you had to list a preference for the dams you fished, This effort was part of the allocation formula. Australia Post has now taken on the fee collection regime, and the preference component can't be applied to their app, at the moment. An suggested interim formula was arrived at, and is now in front of the minister for consideration. Disclosure conditions prevent further discussion on the above.

The interesting thing was talking to some of the other attendees, and some problems they are facing fishing wise. Leslie Dam at Warwick for example, while having a active restocking program, it is only just keeping up with the catch rate. The pressure is such that the average size of the Yellowbelly has been dropping to the point that they are only just legal size. What is going in hasn't had a chance to grow. A major factor is the number of anglers coming down from the Toowoomba area. Somerset is heading the same way apparently, and some concern at the Bass mortality after ABT catch and release style competitions. Tinaroo Dam, stocked with Barra and Sooty Grunter. Sootys no longer, unsuitable breeding conditions in feeder streams has curtailed this. All their funds are going into Barra.

Annual Membership Fees (Due by August Meeting every year)

Normal Membership - \$70

Family Membership - \$90

Student over 16 - \$20

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