

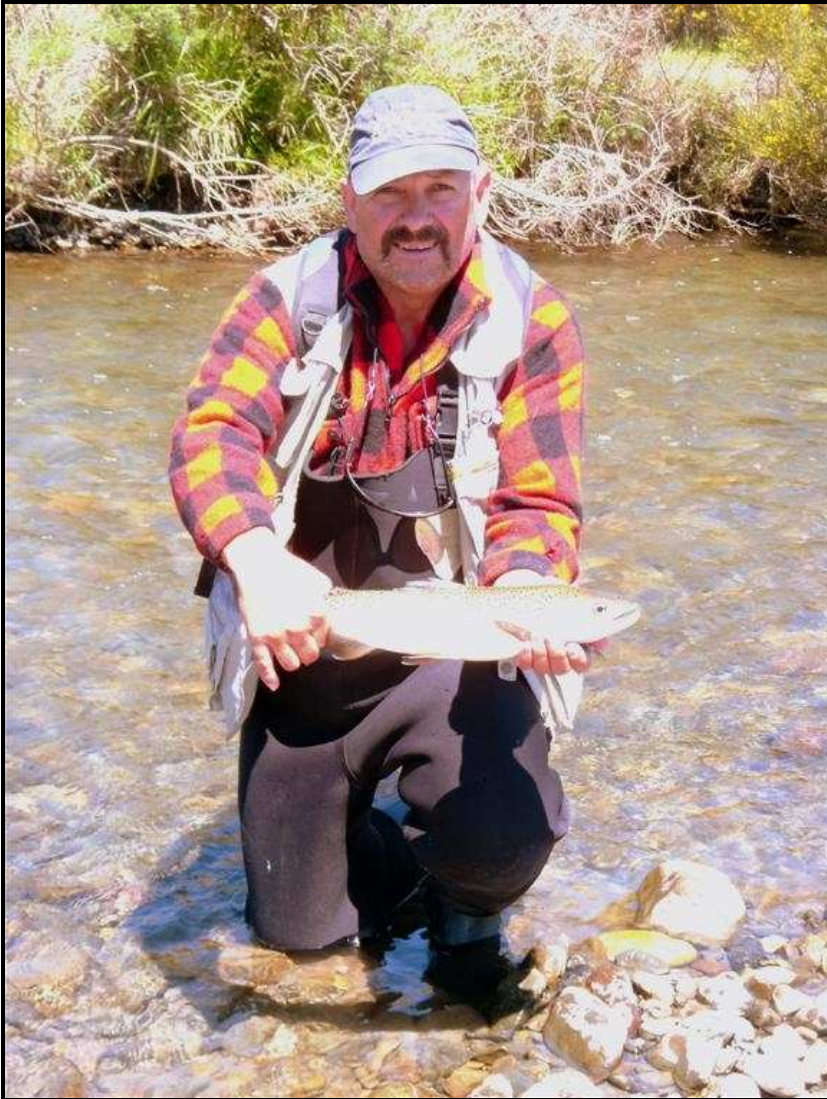


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# **NEWSLETTER**

**DECEMBER, 2009**



**Tech tip: Netting & gaffing techniques**

## **TRIP REPORTS**

- **Jabiru Island**
- **Glenlyon Dam**

**Peter Thompson with a beautiful New Zealand Trout caught on fly.**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2009 at 7:30pm (even if it's a public holiday) at the Beenleigh Bowls Club, 11 Hanover Street, Beenleigh. See access map further on in this Newsletter.**

**Acknowledgement:** This Newsletter was kindly copied by Brett Raguse, member for Forde, at no charge to the club. Special thanks to Mr Raguse for his kind assistance.

**GUEST SPEAKER** *There is no guest speaker for December. Instead we will have some time to catch up with other members after the official meeting has finished.*

**DECEMBER TRIPS-** *The only thing on for December is our club Christmas party. This will be held at Alexander Clark Park - Dewar Drive, Loganholme on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Starting time is 10.30 am. BYO Meat and alcohol, the club will supply soft drinks and salads for the BBQ.*

### **Jabiru Island trip 1st November**

*By Jeff Maddalena*

*What a great day on the water, only the slightest of breezes. The odd shower about though.*

*Five members attended - Chris Lund, Glen Kennedy, Geoff Daley, Eddie Latz and his kids and myself.*

*The day started slowly for me as trolling the rock walls and jetties was not being as productive as I would have hoped. Then it was time to cast for Bream around the jetties. The tide was rushing in early in the day but as it eased off the fish came on the bite.*

*My first good hit was a bit hard for a Bream and the fish managed to give the drag washers a bit of a workout. But the combination of a strong tide, oyster encrusted jetty pylons and lite bream gear was all against me, and the fish won. I think it may have been a small trevally or a jack.*

*The rest of the morning was productive catching and tagging Bream and one very small GT.*

*Everyone else found the going a bit tough, with only a few small Whiting and flathead caught but still an enjoyable morning fishing my favourite spots.*

## **GLENLYON DAM – A NEW CHALLENGE FOR OUR CLUB**

*By Ray Bricknell*

*Last year I wrote a trip report headed: “Is Lake Monduran Stuffed for Our Club?”*

*As it turned out many club members shared that view, so this year we headed south for our once a year week long club trip – to Glenlyon Dam.*

*Only a dinkum Aussie who loves the outback could have found the approach to Glenlyon down the hill from Stanthorpe attractive to look at. What was impressive, however, was the size of the catchment apparently feeding into this dam. Even so, it was only 25 percent full, due to the drought. Less water – more concentrated fish!*

*The caravan park was surprisingly full, and our club had four cabins booked – an impressive 15 members in all turned up for this trip. Most did not stay for the full week, however, and a couple arrived after the weekend.*

*The cabins were a contradiction in standards. They had reverse cycle air conditioners, and were unusually generously equipped with dishwashing liquid, tea towels, wettex, scouring pads, etc. – but had no cutlery or crockery of any kind. I’ve stayed in a lot of cabins, but never struck this before. This caught some out, but we got by through sharing one another’s plastic plates and cereal bowls.*

*Bryan and Debbie Dare, the Tourist Park Managers, are hard working, friendly people who make staying in the park a pleasure. Bryan advised us to fish with bait early morning and late afternoon – freshwater shrimp were relatively plentiful – and to troll lures between 11:30 and 2:30, in the heat of the day.*

*Of course, all boats hit the water Saturday afternoon: eight fishers for about four hours each and, surprisingly, two Murray Cod were caught – but nothing else. (J.C. a 50cm Cod;*



Peter Thompson's was 55cm. The minimum legal length is 60cm, so both went back.) What beautiful looking fish they are.



**Trevor Saunders with a 60cm M. Cod**

Sunday was full on. 13 fishers on the water for a total of at least 7 hours each.

Lloyd Willmann caught a 65cm Cod, equal best for the day, but sadly got a call from home that night to advise that his 91 year old Dad had died suddenly in hospital – so he left for home the next morning.

Stand out star for the day was our young Treasurer, Michael (Mick) James. On his way back to camp at the end of the morning session he picked up a 51cm Cod, so he decided to do another pass through that same area – and got a 53cm Cod. So he did another pass – this time a 42cm Yellow Belly. Then another pass – for a 47cm Yellow Belly! Four decent fish in about half an hour.

He then went back that afternoon to the same area, and was rewarded with a 55cm Cod and a 65cm Cod. Now named “Cod Master” Mick, needless to say he had plenty of company during the afternoon session in his “hot spot”.

Incidentally, dam fish do seem to congregate (school up?) in particular places at various times. One of the Grey Nomads staying in the park confided in me that his ‘secret method’ of finding the fish was to prowl around the dam looking for large groups of boats. “The locals

tell one another where the fish are, and they all then fish that area”, he said.

The total catch for Sunday was 20 fish: 11 Murray Cod, 4 Yellow Belly (Golden Perch), and 3 Eel Tail Catfish. This was about the inverse of what was expected, in that we were briefed to expect to catch mostly Yellow Belly, only an occasional Cod and, of course, “lots of Catfish”.

Monday saw everyone full of enthusiasm, and 14 fishers hit the water – mostly launching shortly after 5am (which meant a 4:30am start – 4am for some). Again, all fished for about eight hours that day, mostly in two sessions.

J.C. caught five fish Monday, including two Cod, and Neil McNeil (fishing in the same boat) caught four Yellow Belly. Two of these nine fish were caught casting Spinner Baits; the other seven were all caught on live Shrimp in amongst the trees.

Kevin Ford, of [lureworld.com.au](http://lureworld.com.au), made a run at taking the Cod Master title off young Mick this day, catching five fish, four of which were Cod: 43cm, 53cm, 55cm and 65cm. However, the reigning Cod Master (Mick) added two more Cod (52cm and 55cm) to his total, and hence retained his title. Mick also added two small Silver Perch to his tally. All four of these fish were caught on Shrimp.

Brad Baldwin also trotted in four fish on Monday, two Yellow Belly and two Cod – three trolling lures and one Yellow Belly on Shrimp. Trevor Saunders also got his first Cod, 60cm, that day, and Owen Powell got a 45cm Yellow Belly casting a lure. Tom Wallbank got two Cod, 49cm and 53cm, trolling a lure.

Incidentally, Mick caught nearly all his fish trolling the same lure, which was red and black. As a consequence, the tourist park quickly sold completely out of red and black lures – absolutely everyone in the club fished for most of the time with red and black lures. Does that prove that red and black lures

*work(ed) better? Not if you know anything about scientific method!*

*A total of 27 fish were caught on Monday. And that is the end of the good news – so far. Tuesday was a virtual write-off. A northerly wind that felt like 40 knots blew most of us off the water mid-morning, with very few fish on the board (only one Yellow Belly?). My outboard overheated on the way back to the boat ramp, so that was the end of Glenlyon for me this year, and practically no fishing was done by anyone on Tuesday afternoon.*

*The northerly brought with it an incredible dust storm, and both the wind and the dust were still there on Wednesday. Visibility was reported to be down to 1 km. Horrible! Even so, Bob Hartley managed to bag the fish of the week – a 73cm Murray Cod – casting Spinner Bait amongst the trees.*



**Bob Hartley with his Fish of the Trip**

## **Comparison with Lake Monduran**

*Glenlyon at 25% is large enough to be interesting, but not so large as to require long trips to favourite spots. Travel distances tend to be longer at Monduran. The Glenlyon air-conditioned cabins sleep four (three is much better) and, in Oct 2009, they cost \$60 per night. With people staying for various lengths of time, this worked out at a very reasonable \$23 per person per night. Of course, for future trips to Glenlyon we all need to be aware of the need to bring ALL cutlery and crockery, including a carving knife – and ideally a toaster!*

*The houses at Monduran are now quite expensive, and it is more difficult for the club to match the accommodation to the numbers present in order to keep the cost per head down. Of course, Monduran also have two (?) cabins.*

*Bryan Dare keeps the firewood up to the BBQs adjacent to the cabins, and Debbie Dare keeps the cabins very clean.*

*The boat ramp at Glenlyon is easy to use, with adequate parking (maybe less convenient if the dam were full?). Shrimp are reasonably plentiful – but there are no red claw crayfish at Glenlyon (or Monduran).*

*One feature worth noting is the difference in the shapes of the dead trees. As the following picture shows (but not as clearly as one would like), a lot of the trees at Glenlyon are very difficult to cast between. Even below the surface, the branches are everywhere – so swimming lures between the trees involves a fair amount of lure retrieval. Those with long retriever poles have a distinct advantage (everywhere).*





This might explain why very few fish were caught on this trip casting lures and spinner baits?

At Monduran we know from our records that the average catch rates on our trips there have been one Barra for every 20 man hours of trolling (ignoring multiple lures per fisher, which would make this figure worse), and one for every 10 man hours of lure casting. Almost no one in our club has bait fished much at Monduran. So how did the catch rates at Glenlyon compare on this trip?

Just taking the figures recorded above for the time I was at Glenlyon, we have the following.  
**Saturday:** 8 fishers x 4 hours = 32 man hours for two Cod. i.e. **16 man hours of trolling Spinner Baits per fish.**

**Sunday:** 13 fishers x 7 hours (minimum) = 91 man hours for 20 fish. i.e. **4½ man hours of fishing per fish.** On **Monday** we had 14 fishers x 7 hours (minimum) = 98 man hours for 27 fish. i.e. **3.6 man hours per fish.**

As can be seen from the photo below (if you enlarge it on your computer screen), our records do not tell us how much time each fisher spent trolling, lure casting and bait fishing. Most people appeared to do a bit of each. Ditto, we don't know for how much time Spinner Baits were trolled, Vs Hard Body Lures. Maybe we should keep such records on future trips?

Today's Catch			
(Monday 12th Oct 09)			
Species	Length	Caught By	Lure/Bait
Y.B.	53	Brad	T/LURE
Y.B.	40	Brad	Bait
M.Cod	53	Brad	T/LURE
M.Cod	38	Brad	T/LURE
Eel Tail	52	Kevin	Bait
Cod	55	--	--
--	53	--	T/LURE
--	65	--	--
--	43	--	--
Y.B.	40	J.C.	Bait
Y.B.	42	--	--
Eel Tail	52	--	--
M.Cod	47	--	--
M.Cod	50	--	Casting Spinner
Y.B.	38	Neil	Bait
--	42	--	--
--	41	--	--
--	40	--	--
M.Cod	60	Trevor	T/LURE
M.Cod	52	Mick	Bait
--	55	--	--
Sil Perch	20	--	--
--	25	--	--

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A quick check of the detail in this photographic record of **Monday's** catch, to which four fish were added "on paper", shows that 14 of 27 fish caught on the "best day" were caught bait fishing. That's over 50 percent. Two were caught casting Spinner Baits, and one casting a Hard Body Lure, so 63 percent of fish (two thirds) were caught on that day by methods other than trolling. As a guess, therefore, it would appear that the man-hours per fish caught bait fishing were considerably less than the man-hours per fish caught trolling. From observation at the time, it appeared that more man-hours went into trolling than into any other method of fishing.

**Tuesday** has been left out of the man-hours per catch calculations simply because of the foul and abnormal weather on that day.

Man hours per Fish caught casting (lures and spinner baits) are too difficult to even guess at, partly because there appears to have been much less time spent casting than on the other

methods, and partly because of the small number of casting catches in the sample. As previously indicated, the spread-eagled shape of the trees at this dam makes casting relatively challenging. It really would be quite useful to keep better records of time spent on the different fishing methods on future trips.

## **Conclusion**

*On balance, it would appear that Glenlyon Dam is a more rewarding place to fish than Lake Monduran, largely because it offers more species and hence more fishing options. A second trip there in 2010 appears justified, if only to put this theory to the test.*

*Of course, fighting a 60cm Murray Cod is not the same as fighting a metre long Barra – especially one caught casting amongst the trees.*



## **Tech Tips -**

### **Netting and Gaffing Techniques**

It's a well-known fact that most fish are lost in the very last stages of landing, so here's a few tips to hopefully make a difference.

Netting fish- when using a landing net to bring fish onto shore or into your boat.

It's important to remember 2 things.

Any fish no matter how tired will a/ usually take fright at the sight of the boat, and b/ take fright at the sight of a net.

It always pays to be prepared for these last lunges for freedom.

A couple of things to do- back the drag off a little once the fish is under control in readiness for these lunges, follow the fish and lower the rod to follow the fish when it goes.

Both these things ease the pressure on the line and hooks when the fish lunges. Remember though to keep some pressure of the fish, you don't want the rod to fully unload, the line to go loose, or the hooks/lure make simply fall out if you don't have a good hook set.

Now with all nets, and particularly with the environet style nets.

The correct technique is to put the lip of the net just under the surface of the water and bring the fish into the net and then lift the net clear of the water.

Important points are, don't get the net in to water too early. You don't want the net in the road when the fish is going off at the boat. Remember the fish is going to make a lunge when it sees the net as well.

Another little tip when fishing hardbody lures, try to keep a little tension on the line when the fish is in the net and coming into the boat. If you can stop the lure from touching the net, you are less likely to get trebles caught in the net. From experience it can take longer to get the trebles out of the net than out of the fish.

Gaffing fish-

Many of the same points apply.

The aim is to bring the fish to the gaff. The gaff should be held steady and then as the fish comes past, one swift and steady action on the gaff is used to engage the fish and then bring the fish into the boat or onto shore.

You really don't want the Net or Gaff Dolly waving the things around in the water trying to chase the fish as it swims around.

This will surely end in tears and a few choice words.

They'll miss the fish, hit the line and it's all over.

If you have a Question, or would like some information on a specific topic, please let us know and we can do a Tech Tip article on it for you. Email us at [question@lureworld.com.au](mailto:question@lureworld.com.au)

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Michael James has had a number of large and  
small boat stickers printed, and these are  
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Just a reminder - for \$10.00 you can have the  
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at the following meeting. The \$10.00 fee  
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club for the \$75.00 set up cost.

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- Queensland's Offshore Fishing Guide (NAFA /  
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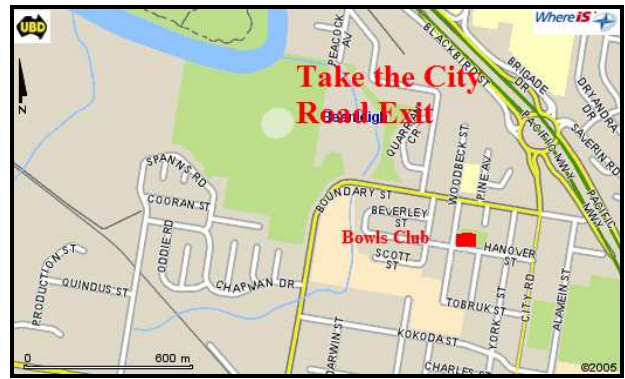
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\$20.00**

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Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	Pimpama River	31st	Flathead jacks			Kevin Ford
February	Sothorn Bay Islands	14th	Snapper	Redland Bay Ramp		
March	Brisbane River	14th	Snapper Tailor	Fishermans Is Ramp		Trevor Saunders
April	Heinz Dam	18th	Bass			Dave Rawlins
May	Peel Island Potts Point	16th	Snapper	Redland Bay Ramp		John Cumberland
June	Redcliffe	13th	Bream Snapper Tailor			
July	Nerang	25th	Bream Tailor	Southport	BBQ Venue TBA	Dave Rawlins
August	Snapper Challenge or Jumpinpin Tagging	14th	Snapper or Tailor Flathead Jew			Kevin Ford
September	Albert River	4th	Bass			Lloyd Willmann
October	Coomera River	24th	Jacks Flathead			
November	Moreton Bay	7th	Crustaceans Crabs Prawns			
December	Xmas Party	TBA	Beer Wine			

## AWAY TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
February	Borumba Dam	12th-14th	Saratoga Bass	Imbul	Borumba Deer Park	John Eldred
March	Carp Busters	6th-7th	Bass		Camping	Lloyd Wliimann
April	Bribie Island	16th-18th	Various		Cabin Camp	
May	Somerset Dam	14th-16th	Tagging Bass Yellowbelly	Somerset	Camping Kirkleigh	
June	Richmond River	11th-14th	Bream Jew	Ballina	South Ballina Tourist Park	John Eldred
July	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
August						
September	Tweed River Chinderah	10th-12th	Bream Flathead bass			John Cumberland
October	TBA - Glen Lyon or Monduran or Burrum Heads	8th-10th or 2nd - 9th	Cod Yellowbelly or Barra Bass or Mackerel Jacks Barra Bass		Cabin Camp or House Cabin or House Cabin Camp	Trevor Saunders or Ross Williamson or John Eldred
November	Maroon	7th	Bass		Camp Lakefire	Jeff Maddalena
December	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A