



NEWSLETTER

August 2017 Issue 537

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3-7 Aug	Sydney Boat Show
9 Aug (Wed)	Club Outing - Georges River
19 Aug	Club Outing - Whiting night
26 Aug	ANSA Presentation Night
6 Sept	OAR's Picnic (Oldies & Retirees)
7 Sept	Club Annual Gen Meeting
9 Sept	Sussex Inlet Club Classic
8-15 Sept	Club Outing Sussex Inlet
22-24 Sept	ANSA's 50th Anniversary
25-29 Sept	ANSA's fishing in Hinchinbrook

ANSA is celebrating 50 years later this year. Having been formed at Yorkeys Knob near Cairns. A celebration is being planned to which all ANSA members both old and current are being invited. St George in particular is being invited as along with Cairns Sportfishing Club were the first sportfishing clubs to be formed. See flyer hereabouts

Birthday people for August

2 nd Gwen Trench	11 th Ken Trench
3 rd Lauren Simpson	22 nd Alana Sutton
6 th David Maltby	22 nd Bill Fraser
7 th Bob McMahon	25 th Anna Agius
7 th Kelly McNamara	27 th Josh Sutton
10 th Phil Worsley	30 th Brad Sutton

The EAR



- Who has/had an **out-of-date** species size and bag limits sticker on his boat? See **page 5** for a glimpse of who this might be!
- It has been a quiet month, **The Ear has heard little**, perhaps members are keeping mum, afraid their misdemeanours might be noticed by the Golden Brick scouts?
- AN American Angler has had one of the scariest **moments of his life** recently. Billy Alstrom and four friends consider themselves lucky to be alive. Apparently they were catching bait in Jupiter Florida when Billy's rod got struck by a bolt of lightning. One of his friends was sitting on the seat that got struck and Billy is pretty sure if it wasn't for the slicker jacket she was wearing there would have been a different outcome.

"I can not describe how lucky I feel that no one was hurt," says Billy.

"I think my boat is going to be out of commission for a while though. I definitely have a new found respect for Mother Nature.

"Being stuck in the middle of a lightning storm with no power to anything after being struck was the most helpless feeling in the world!" There is a lesson there for all boaties and anglers! (Images: Billy Alstrom).Read more at [http://www.fishingworld.com.au/news/what-happens-](http://www.fishingworld.com.au/news/what-happens-when-a-fishing-rod-is-struck-by-lightning?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%2024717&utm_content=Newsletter%20-%2024717+CID_b1db2f59741c2d5d03a55f8ed4819aac&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=fishing%20rod%20was%20struck%20by%20lightning#kybYmQ8DQy8pDstQ.99)



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- 19 Aug** Club Outing - Whiting night, contact Ron
- 26 Aug** ANSA Presentation Night hosted by Souths, being held at The Coast Golf Club, 1 Coast Hospital Road, Little Bay. See flyer herein for more details.
- 6 Sept (Wed)** OAR's Picnic, Georges River National Park
- 7 Sept** Club Annual General Meeting
- 9 Sept** Sussex Inlet Club Classic, contact Ron
- 8-15 Sept** Club Outing Sussex Inlet, contact Ron
- 22-24 Sept** ANSA's 50th Anniversary

Please contact Ron Camp our outings guru if you require further information regarding any outings.

Our Committee

President	Dennis Simpson	9543 0949
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Scale verifier	Phil Turner	
Newsletter	Clark Kent (C/-Bill Harvey)	9533 2453

from our President



Renovations at Maso's which impacted on some meetings have now been completed allowing our July meeting to proceed with access to our normal area and facilities.

John Everett provided an excellent and timely presentation on fishing 'Sussex Inlet and St Georges Basin' covering several fishing locations, what to look for, species targeted, rigs and baits/lures used, among other information. Timely, because of the forthcoming Sussex Classic on September 9 and the allure of large flathead, bream and other species.

Thanks John for an informative evening.

(Please speak with John or myself should you require more detail).

It has been noted on some recent outings that opportunities have existed whereby members who do not have boats could have fished. If you are in this situation and would like to go on the outing, please speak with Ron Camp our Outings Officer. It must be borne in mind however that it is the skipper's responsibility to ensure the safety of those on board. In this regard, where a boat may be comfortable for say four persons to fish in an estuary, in an offshore situation no more than three or even two would be appropriate. It must be appreciated therefore that there will be times when an opportunity exists and times when they do not. Notwithstanding this, if interested, please call.

The meeting on 3 August will be our Presentation Night at which a number of members will receive awards for their achievements during the past fishing year. It is pleasing to note that several junior members will also be recognised in these awards.

The evening will also expound on a number of occurrences that qualify for the coveted 'Golden Brick' Award, instances in which facts do not get in the way of a good story. There are several. Are you the one to receive it?

The presentation of the awards will culminate with the awarding of '**Junior Sportfisherman of the Year**' and '**Sportfisherman of the Year**'.

To find out, all will be revealed on the night.

The evening will commence at 7.30pm sharp in order to finish early. There will be a break early in proceedings for some hot finger food and later for some supper.

I look forward to seeing you on the night and to congratulate all who have received awards for their efforts throughout the year.

Please note our AGM will be held on 7 September 2017 and will be followed by a presentation on 'Freshwater Fishing'.

Although nominations have been received for committee positions for the forthcoming year additional nominations are more than welcome, as they will provide a greater balance in our decision making.

Dennis

FISHING REPORTS

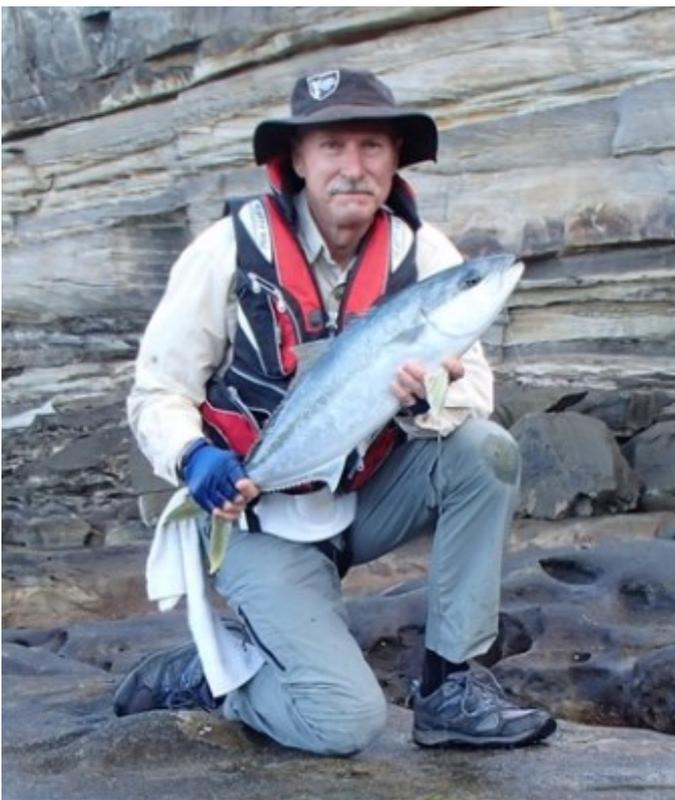
G'day Bill,

Since the last newsletter I have made about 8 trips to the Woronora River and one to the Georges River. There have been a couple of trips that resulted in donuts but in total I have got 4 Bream, 5 Flathead, 1 Luderick, 2 Trevally and 1 Estuary Perch. All fish taken on lures and the best day was 4 fish. There are no bloodworms at the tackle shop as it is still forbidden to bring them across the border from Queensland. There are usually tube worms available.

Regards,

Bob McMahon

Hi Bill, two weeks the swell has been down, and the fishing on the rocks has been variable. I have fished three times for kingfish with varying results. It's very quiet for most of the day until around the tide change, when there seems to be a 20-30 minute burst of kings that arrive. Most days I get one or two but on one day



we had a hectic 30 minutes with triple hookups. These fish range from 66 to 74cm. There are plenty of large green eyed squid along the rocks, especially early morning and when the shadows from the cliffs move out over the water. The water temperature is ranging from 18.4 to 19.8C at the moment and with this, strange combinations of fish are occurring: frigate mackerel mixed with barracouta.

On one real calm day last week I walked into a few locations around Burning Palms to check out some rock blackfish locations. The swell was non existent so I was not to confident about getting any fish as there were no washes present for cover. I did manage 3 nice pan size rock blackfish at one location - up to 30cm. At another location burlied up and found plenty of trevally and rock blackfish, again around the 30 cm size. Both locations were in the shadows of the cliffs. This time of the year it's hard fishing with lots of time output for small results but still enjoyable.

Cheers Phil (Turner)



Bate Bay Outing

On the Thursday before the weekend outing, Chris Holland, Trevor Dean and myself did a trial run over the fishing grounds we hoped to use on the following Saturday. Wind was okay, water temp 19°, swell not too bad and the drift good.

Using a variety of baits we bagged 18 fish. These were mostly flatties to about 48cm with a couple of good sized flounder, had plenty of bites, and released quite a few legal fish. During the day we caught a wide variety including stargazer, hairtail, slimy mackerel, snapper, flathead, flounder, shovelnose shark, cuttlefish and a yellow & black striped thing!

On the Saturday, several people cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances so just Ron Camp and myself fished the Bate Bay outing. We started off on the grounds previously tried on the Thursday with Trevor and Chris, but after landing one nice flattie and two good flounder, we decided the wind was a bit fresh for two old guys and the sea a bit sloppy, so moved and fished the 10-14m depths off Wanda and Elouera Beaches.

There were plenty of flathead (we bagged out), and two more good flounder before we called it a day. The flatties were a good pan size, not huge but it was a great outing with plenty of meal size fish.

John (Everett)

Fishing St Georges Basin by John Everett



St Georges Basin was declared a Recreational Fishing Haven in 2002 and is located near Jervis Bay, about 2.5 hours' drive south of Sydney. The area is famous for its dusky flathead and other popular trophy estuary sportfish and hosts numerous professional fishing competitions during the year.



The Basin is classified as an open intermediate waterway (an inland sea), and is linked to the sea via Sussex Inlet on its southern side. It is fed by Tomerong and Wandandian Creeks to the north, has a catchment area of approximately 316 square kilometres and a surface area 41 square kilometres with an average depth of about 5m, (but contains significant areas of 8m or more).

Several small towns and villages including Basin View, Sanctuary Point and Old Erowal Bay adjoin the Basin on its northern shoreline.

Numerous fish species are found in the Basin and estuaries including bream, flathead, luderick, whiting, snapper and tailor. Those fishing the waterways should consider any outing to be potentially a trophy fish capture day, not just a chance to 'bag out'. Anglers should aim for an average 4-6 good fish per outing, although we have had days of up to 18 good fish. The fish of the area are often elusive and it is not uncommon to change fishing locations numerous times to locate them.

The Basin is surrounded by relatively untouched tree-line shores and boasts shallow, flathead friendly areas on its perimeter (especially the eastern, southern and west shorelines), with deeper areas common for bream and snapper which tend to school, resulting in better catch numbers. Fishers should look for sea floor drop-offs and short length weed in Swan Bay, Jewfish Bay and One Tree Bay to target the flathead grounds.

Standard rigs are used for bait and lure fishing, with plastics and deep divers successful at the Basin edges and live bait and peeled prawns in the deeper areas. In the shallower areas, hard-bodies are also very successful for all fish species.



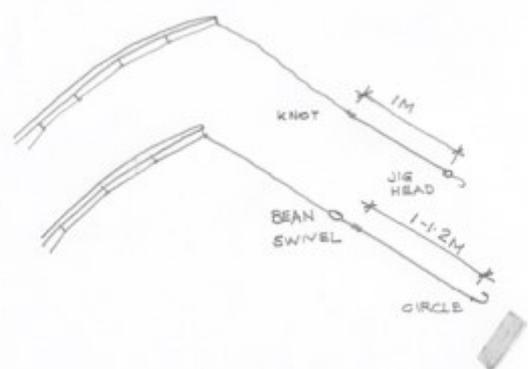
Sussex Inlet is good for luderick, bream and whiting with green weed usually available near Swan Lake, a very short drive to the south.

An advantage of fishing the area is its adaptability during inclement weather. If the Basin is too windy, fish for luderick or bream in the estuaries. Evening fishing in Sussex Inlet for bream usually yields fish.



For anglers, the area offers the chance to fish in relatively seclusion, over a vast protected waterway, with the chance to land that competition winning fish. Why go?

- Estuary is great for children to fish
- Water temperature does not seem to matter
- Trophy fish are there
- Weather dictates the species
- To try different baits, lures & places



All is not what it seems.....

Returning to the boat ramp quite smug with our catch – the first hurdle however after retrieving the boat was where to clean all these fish? There were no fish cleaning tables so there were only three options left. Clean ‘em on the pontoon (messy), on the logs nearby (no water) or take home (even more messy). So we decided on the pontoon. There were only a couple of boat trailers left in the car park so we were not likely to be embarrassed by too many anglers. The pontoon happened to be at the right height and while near the water our feet were dry.

It took about an hour to scale, head and gut the fish—we weren’t in a hurry.

The fish were rinsed and the pontoon cleaned, the fish were loaded into the boat, we were done.

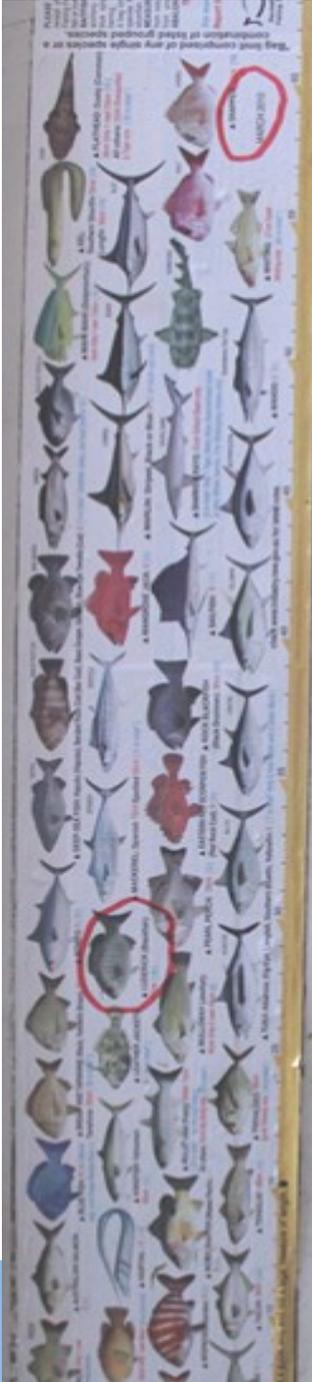
Having completed the task, straightened our backs, and took a spell. We wandered around and for some reason, looked up at Fisheries Fish ID sign alongside the ramp. We looked through the most common fish, flathead, bream, jewies and noted the minimum lengths and bag limits, we came across luderick. The sign said *Luderick, bag limit 10 per person, and minimum length 27cms*. We were dumbstruck, amazed, confused, flabbergasted – as the figures on the sticker in the boat was 20 fish per person, and minimum length 25cms. How could this be. The Fisheries sign must be incorrect, surely.

However, a check on the date of the said sticker had the date, 2010. it looked at first this was a misprint, but on further examination *2010 was correct*. It seems the error was ours/mine. It meant all the fish the crew had kept were sus, mine however were good.

Now, what to do (other than sack the crew)???

As the fish had been beheaded at this stage, the sizes would be difficult to determine, so

- * We could go to Fisheries and fess up, or
- * We could toss the suspect fish back, or
- * Go home, and get a new sticker - we went home.



ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC

P.O. BOX 162, RIVERWOOD. N.S.W. 2210
AFFILIATED WITH ANSA (NSW BRANCH)

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____ DOB _____

STREET _____ ANSA No. _____

SUBURB _____ POSTCODE _____

PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (M) _____ PHONE (B) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Circle Option)

Regular	Junior	Student	Senior	Family
(\$40.00)	(\$5.00)	(\$15.00)	(\$30.00)	(\$55.00)

Junior = Person under 16 years of age.

Student = Person between 16 and 25 years of age and a full time student.

Senior = Person over 60 years of age.

Family = 2 or more people in one household – maximum 2 adults.

*** Annual membership renewal is due on the 30th June each year ***

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Complete as Applicable)

SPOUSE

SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____ DOB _____

CHILD CHILD

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CHILD CHILD

NAMES _____ DOB _____ NAMES _____ DOB _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GARDIAN _____

(For and on behalf of children under 16)

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

NAME _____

STREET _____ SUBURB _____

POSTCODE _____ PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (M) _____

Own a Boat with a Radio? **YES/NO** IF 'YES' please complete the Radio Call Sign Form over the page.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY AMOUNT \$ _____

CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP _____ RECEIPT NO. _____ Cash / Cheque / M Order

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL will be two pages

Membership renewal for the 2016-2017 financial year is due on the 1st July 2016.

Your renewal will be accepted at the June and July meetings and the fees for the new year are the same as the current year and are shown in the table below. (If you wish to post your renewal form and money please send them to the address on the form.)

Please complete both the Radio Call Sign form (below) and the Membership Renewal form (on the rear of this page) and bring it when renewing.

Thanks

Peter Logan

ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC RADIO CALL SIGN APPLICATION FORM

		SPORTFISH No (A number will be allocated if you currently do not have one)	
Name		ANSA Membership No	
Boat Name		Boat Rego Number	
Boat Make		Boat Type	
Boat Material		Boat Length (metres)	
Boat Deck Colour		Boat Hull Colour	
Boat Radio Type /Frequencies		Boat EPIRB (Y/N)	
Boat Trailer Rego			
Motor Type No 1		Motor Type No 2	
Motor Make No 1		Motor Make No 2	
Motor HP No 1		Motor HP No 2	
Motor Fuel Type No 1		Motor Fuel Type No 2	
Motor Fuel Amount No 1 (litres)		Motor Fuel Amount No 2 (litres)	
Car Rego No 1		Car Rego No 2	
Launch Type			
Ramp Location No 1		Ramp Location No 2	

Copeton Dam - Queen's Birthday long weekend, 9th to 12th June. from Newcastle SFC newsletter

Early Friday morning 3 4WD's towing 3 boats with Greg Harrison, Peter Sitarz, Greg Costello, Eddie Sitarz, Warren and Ella McKinnon left the traffic heading to work behind. We stopped at Tamworth for lunch and a visit to the tackle shop for those "special" soft plastic Cod lures and a few extra bits and pieces. Next stop was to top up car and boat tanks, then on to the dam, find the right dirt track then location, set up camp for the next few days. Les Humphries & boat had a wander around the roads & dirt tracks but eventually joined us on Saturday morning after following my dodgy directions. Shane Bourke turned up later following updated directions.

Seems the go was 4.30am starts, cast, cast, cast and hope for the best. Luckily there was some moonlight or there would have been a lot of retrieving lures from trees and bushes. Back for a break, lunch and fishing again around 4pm to well after dark, back for dinner, sit around fire, down a few drinks and talk BS. Repeat again the next day.

While Newcastle area had a lot of rain we had some light showers on and off but mostly went around us. Waterways turned up early one morning inspecting boats at the ramp & on the water, there were a few boats with no lights that sat there until daylight. Boats were warned to leave mast lights on while it's dark when fishing, damn hard to see where you're casting when you lose your night vision. Cod fishing is very popular and I was surprised at the amount of boats on the water early & late at night trying their luck.

Overall a very good weekend and I even managed to land a Cod but not over that magic 1 metre mark, maybe next time.

Some nice Murray Cod caught, released, missed hits and dropped fish at the boat.

Tally for the trip -

Greg Harrison – 82cm Murray Cod Eddie Sitarz – 97.5cm Murray Cod

Les Humphries – 71cm Murray Cod Shane Bourke – 113cm & 71cm Murray Cod



Bill

Feel free to use bits & pieces from our newsletter.

Edited copy of July newsletter attached, left all the photos as you should be able to edit & remove the ones you don't want.

Copeton Dam is popular as a few of our members are going back early August (stay in cabin) then another group at end of August (camping).

Heard of some BIG Cod caught recently, lots way over 1 metre.

Let me know if any issues with attachment.

cheers

Eddie (Sitarz) Newcastle Sportfishing Club

Aussie Sportfisher Conference 2017



Join with us in destination Cairns as we celebrate 50 years of Sportfishing in Australia!

At the Aussie Sportfisher Conference 2017, we celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the Australian National Sportfishing Association

The Aussie Sportfisher Conference 2017 is a week long event including a Conference, Expo, Fishing Competition and Fishing Expedition designed to gather together like-minded anglers so we can all enjoy and celebrate 50 years of Sportfishing in Australia.

Our enduring motto of Sport, Conservation and Integrity in fishing will shine through as central themes in all the opportunities and experiences on offer for you to enjoy during this great week.

This is an event not to be missed for anyone who has been involved with ANSA and the Sportfishing movement in the past, the present and into the future who want to join in the celebration of Sportfishing in Australia.

The week long event in Tropical Cairns, North Queensland (the birthplace of ANSA and Sportfishing in Australia) will kick off with an informal barefoot yobbos BBQ on Friday 22nd September 2017 at the [Figtree, Tanks Art Centre](#), Cairns.

This will be followed on Saturday and Sunday by a two day conference and Sportfishing Expo at [Tank 3, Tanks Arts Centre](#). A formal dinner is also being arranged for the Saturday evening.

Of course, no Sportfishing event would be complete without fishing! This 50 year bash is no different.

On Monday, conference attendees can stay on to enjoy a fishing competition alongside Cairns locals in the new [Cairns Net Free Zone](#) encompassing [Trinity Inlet](#) and [Barron River](#).

If one day of fishing isn't enough (and we couldn't agree more), a 4 day fishing expedition to [Hinchinbrook Channel](#) is on offer from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th September, with the weekend then available to make your way back home.

Pencil these dates in your calendar, register now and start making plans for Aussie Sportfisher Conference 2017 today!

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - July 2017

Certificates awarded at July meeting, events between 22 June and 30 June



Congratulations to the following members for these **Masters capture** last month:

Ron Camp – All tackle species – Dusky Flathead #2 785mm	CAA pts	5
Chris Holland – Sportfishing – Snapper 3.2kg on 3kg (107pts)	CAA pts	5
Deborah Logan – All tackle species – Yellowfin Bream #59 1,040mm	CAA pts	5
Dennis Simpson – Sportfishing – Northern Bluefin Tuna 8.3kg on 10kg (124.5pts)	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Whaler Shark #59 1,040mm	-	
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Whaler Shark #60 1,020mm	-	
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Whaler Shark #61 1,010mm	-	
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Whaler Shark #62 980mm	-	
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Whaler Shark #63 980mm	-	

2 Champion Angler points have been awarded to the winners of each **species category** in our club's length only competition (all placings are later in this report). Well done to our winners:

Division 1

WINNER: Deborah Logan – combined length 1,450

John Everett – Longest Flathead 870mm	CAA pts	2
Chris Holland – Longest Snapper 630mm	CAA pts	2
Phil Turner – Longest Salmon 665mm	CAA pts	2

Division 2

WINNER: Peter Logan – combined length 1,090

Peter Hewitt – Longest Bream 420mm	CAA pts	2
Andrew Perros – Longest Whiting 420mm	CAA pts	2
Bob McMahon – Longest Tailor 460mm	CAA pts	2

This concludes the point score for the 2016/17 Champion Angler Awards - congratulations to our winners and to all members who lodged claim forms for masters captures, records and ANSA's 12-month competition. Final placings are detailed below.

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2016/17 - FINAL							
MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Ron Camp	29	Debbie Logan	43	<i>no entries</i>	-	<i>no entries</i>	-
Phil Turner	25	Belinda Rayment	43				
Peter Logan	18	Mary Worsley	10				
Dennis Simpson	11	Bev Giller	3				
Chris Holland	10	Maria Zacharias	3				
Karl Rasmussen	10						
Bruce Rayment	9						
John Everett	8						
Glen Xuerub	8						
Ray Agius	7						
Trevor Dean	6						
Brad Sutton	6						
James Rayment	5						
Phil Worsley	5						
Roger Giller	3						
Bill Harvey	3						
Sid Young	3						
Peter Hewitt	2						
Bob McMahon	2						
Andrew Perros	2						

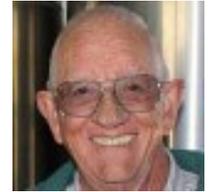
DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17				<i>Updated as at: 30/6/2017</i>
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Debbie Logan	810	-	640	1,450
Dennis Simpson	390	400	630	1,420
Peter Hewitt	465	300	630	1,395
Chris Holland	605	630	-	1,235
John Everett	870	310	-	1,180
Peter Logan	450	-	655	1,105
Bob McMahon	580	480	-	1,060
Trevor Dean	590	370	-	960
Phil Worsley	760	-	-	760
Phil Turner	-	-	665	665
Antonio Robles	640	-	-	640
Karl Rasmussen	565	-	-	565
Celeste Rasmussen	560	-	-	560
Julian Perros	520	-	-	520
Andrew Perros	450	-	-	450
Eva Peros	410	-	-	410
Alessia Robles	400	-	-	400
George Peros	400	-	-	400
Leon Perros	390	-	-	390
Mary Worsley	-	350	-	350

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17				<i>Updated as at: 30/6/2017</i>
Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Peter Logan	380	330	380	1,090
Peter Hewitt	420	-	330	750
Debbie Logan	410	-	330	740
Bob McMahon	-	-	460	460
Brendan McMahon	-	-	440	440
Andrew Perros	-	420	-	420
Brad Sutton	390	-	-	390
John Everett	370	-	-	370
Annamaria Robles	-	370	-	370
Phil Worsley	360	-	-	360
Trevor Dean	320	-	-	320
Antonio Robles	-	280	-	280
Karl Rasmussen	-	280	-	280
George Peros	260	-	-	260
Julian Perros	250	-	-	250
Eva Peros	250	-	-	250

Please send all claim forms to me at PO Box 923, Caringbah NSW 1495 or belinda.rayment@bigpond.com

Belinda

Bird Of The Month



Australian Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus australis*

Other Names Clamorous Reed-Warbler; Reedbird; Reedlark; Water Sparrow

This month's bird is by no means a Seabird, nor even a Waterbird, but nevertheless we are likely to encounter it when we are fishing around its normal habitat, the reeds and rushes bordering fresh water streams and rivers, ponds, lakes and dams as well as swamps and wetlands.

Appearance. A small Sparrow-sized bird (16-17 cm), olive-brown above, pale fawnish white below. The pinkish-orange inside of the mouth is often exposed when singing.

Habitat and range. Prefers areas with dense growth of vertical stems, especially Cumbungi, phragmites, reeds and pencil-rush. More often heard than seen, but not especially shy. Flits from one clump of vegetation to the next. Also perches on twigs of adjacent trees, but always close to the cover of the reeds. In winter most birds migrate to northern regions and tropics.

Breeding. September to December. Three to four eggs in a cup shaped nest made from reed sheaths, wrapped around reed stems.

Diet. Feeds on insects and other invertebrates both in the vegetation and on adjacent ground.

Call. As mentioned the call is the most notable feature of this bird. Described as "rich, liquid, guttural phrases, 'chutch chutch, dzee-dzee-dzee, quarty-quarty-quarty'". Hear it [here](#)



Roger Giller



St. George Sportfishing Club Inc.

Don't forget this important night!

August 3rd is the Club's Presentation Night and Social evening commencing at 7.30pm at Maso's. All are welcome to attend and congratulate the winners of the Length Only Categories in our Club comp, to find who will take home the coveted 'Golden Brick' award and to congratulate the Club's other category winners.

Some hot finger food will be provided after the first awards have been presented, and quality raffle prizes will be won during the evening.

Please come and enjoy this social occasion with other members.

See you there.

Dennis





ANSA NSW Presentation Night Saturday 26th August 2017

The ANSA NSW presentation this year will be held at:

The Coast Golf Club
1 Coast Hospital Road,
Little Bay

Your assistance is required as far as letting us know if you will be attending. Contact Joe Garufi as soon as possible to book your seats or table. Maximum number of people per table will be 8.

E-mail: jgred@bigpond.com

Closing Date: Sunday 20th August 2017.

No monies or bookings will be accepted after this date for organisational reasons.

The cost for the evening is \$50.00 per adult and \$20.00 per child under 14 years of age.

The meal will include a sensational three-course buffet meal, deserts and tea or coffee. Drinks may be bought at the bar on the night. The restaurant is open from 6:30pm with formalities commencing at 7pm sharp.

The Coast Golf Course

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