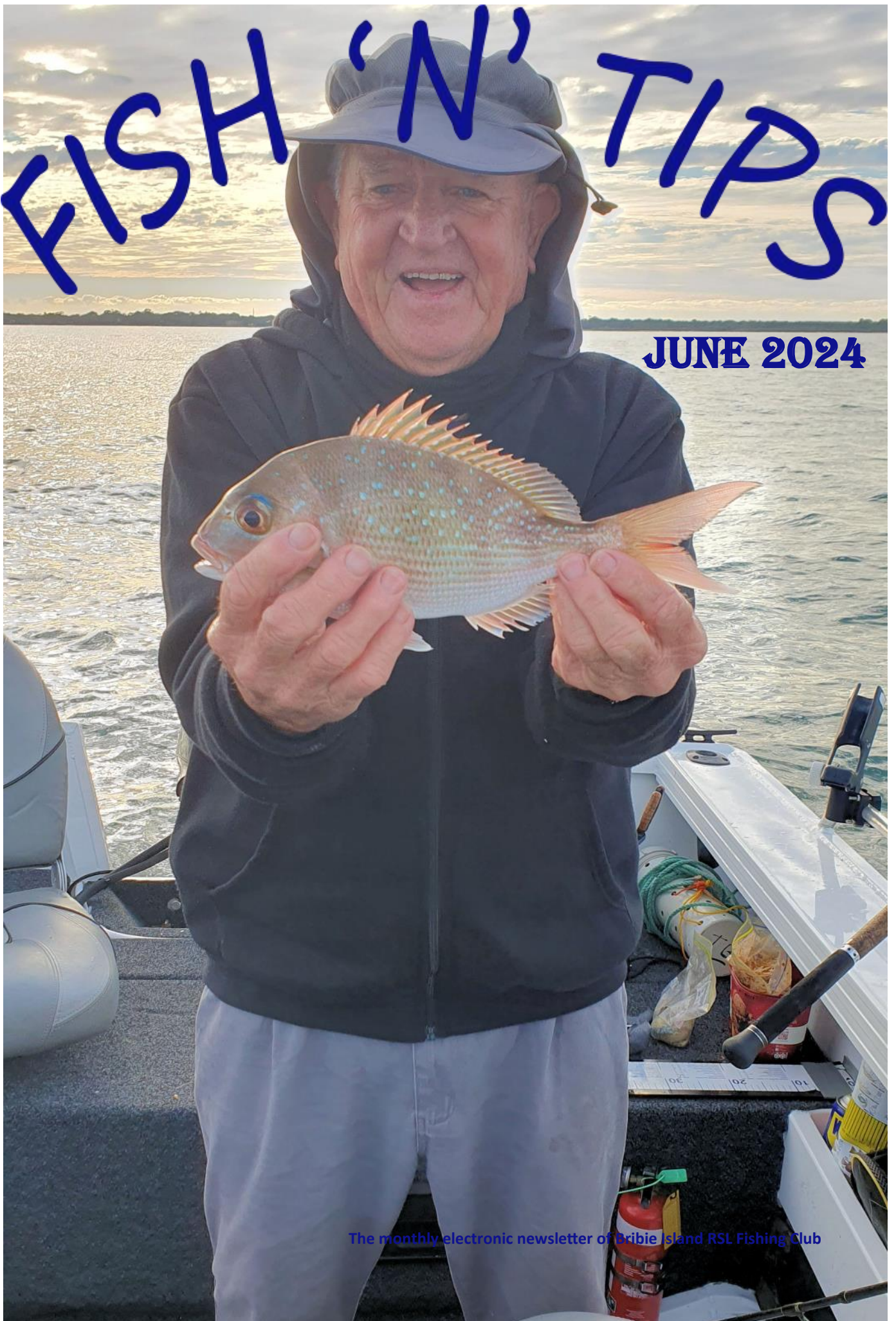


FISH 'N' TIPS

JUNE 2024



The monthly electronic newsletter of Dribie Island RSL Fishing Club



***Keith Kable -
Club President***

President's Report

June 2024

Hello Everyone,

A nice chilly start to winter, especially if you are out and about chasing those elusive big bream and pearl perch.

Health-wise not a good start to the month, with a couple of members undergoing some operations and procedures that members and friends certainly wish them all the best for with a good outcome and a speedy recovery.

Due to Julie and I being on holidays we missed the Maroochydoore comp, but I am assured it was up to its usual trick of the fish hiding away and only allowing the small fry to tempt our anglers. Congratulations to all who managed a payout for their efforts.

We have had a few new people join the club so a big welcome to you and we hope you will enjoy our very social gathering.

We also wish a safe and successful trip to Evans Head this week for a group of our offshore fishermen.

Please don't forget our General meeting on Monday 8th June @7.00pm so that we can finalise some Constitutional changes and of course last month's fishing prizes.

Not a lot happening so I'll close off now and see you at Bowls Day at Solander Bowls Club on Sunday 7th July in place of the June BBQ.

KK

Editor's Notes

Hi everyone,

And another month bites the dust.

In this newsletter, we have three lots of fishing results, the monthly (May), and the Maroochy and Pebble Beach results.

Thanks to Richard and Bruce with help from Ron for those.

The Maroochy comp produced only 11 fish to weigh in, with also not many from Pebble Beach, as usual. And no ladies weighed in at all over either comp. we'll keep trying!

The Maroochy comp was its usual fun time away, well, if you don't count the time that Steve and Ange had an uninvited midnight guest, and the moment Marg did an Olympic roll out of her boat into the water, and then had to hold the boat while neck deep in the water. Or the moment Jim measured his length on the ramp, or our little tow back from the main bridge. Otherwise, it was fairly uneventful.

Bream and pearl perch month is under way right now, until the 28 June, so remember, they are all you can weigh in with the club until that date.

For all the photos I received from the recent comps, no one sent me any pics of a club member holding a fish. If you do take some photos anytime with fish, please send me a couple, it helps to bulk out the newsletter, and is of interest to other members.

Alison

New Members

A big welcome to Devon Lee and Mick Cassidy, who have joined recently. Some of our members have already met Devon and also Mick at some recent events.

Front Page Photo

Trevor Bourke is our front page angler for June. He caught this snapper whilst out fishing during bream month.

Send your contributions to me at

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**Richard Holmes -
Weighmaster**

Weighmaster's Report

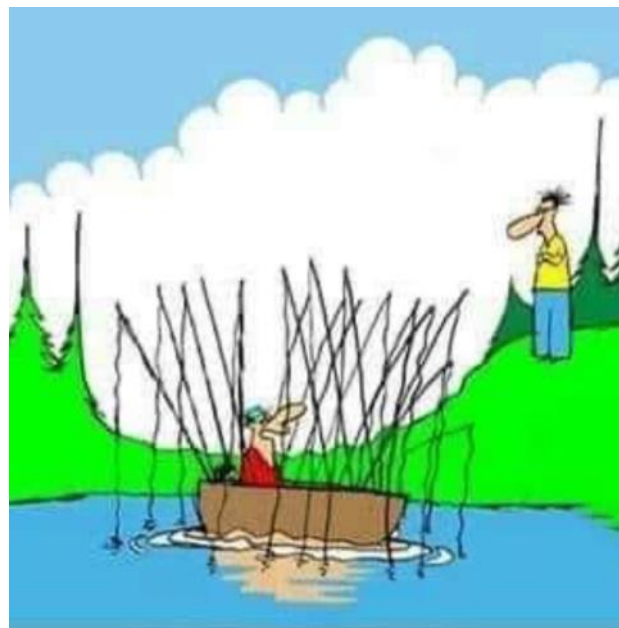
For May 2024

Total no. of fish weighed in - 34

Men's Inshore (33 fish weighed in)		
Place	Name	Points
1 st	Trevor Plant	70
2 nd	Bruce Carey	46
3 rd	Ron Winnett	29
4 th	Michael Phillips	13
5 th	Richard Patterson	9
6 th	John Casey	7

Ladies Inshore (1 fish weighed in)		
Place	Name	Points
1 st	Alison Herring	10

Lucky Draws
Richard Patterson
John Casey



"Trust me when I say I'll be catching SOMETHING today."

Maroochydore Comp

22nd May 2024

Results

Competitors - Men (11 fish weighed in)		
Species	Name	Weight (kg)
Flathead	John Casey	1.487
Bream	John Casey	.397
Bream	Ron Winnett	.583
Bream	Ron Winnett	.373
Bream	Ron Winnett	.347
Bream	Rob Hinkley	.460
Bream	Richard Holmes	.405
Tarwhine	Coll Callander	.352
Bream	Tony Jericevich	.351
Bream	Chris Kneller	.347
Bream	Greg Hannay	.320

Men's Heaviest Fish		
Place	Name	Weight (kg)
1 st	John Casey (Flathead)	1.487
2 nd	Ron Winnett (Bream)	.583
3 rd	Rob Hinkley (Bream)	.460

Men's Heaviest Bag		
Place	Name	Weight (kg)
1 st	John Casey	2.884
2 nd	Ron Winnett	1.303
3 rd	Rob Hinkley	.460

Lucky Draw
Heatherbell

Lucky Door Prize
Trish Hinkley



Looking across the water and some of our member's boats towards the Waterfront Hotel at night.

Maroochy River One-Day Comp

Wednesday 22nd May

Photos



Top: Rob and his mate wait patiently for that elusive fish.

Below: a Blue Faced Honeyeater and a white Heron enjoy the sunny afternoon.

Maroochy River

More Photos



Left: An afternoon view towards the pub, with our boats in the foreground, and lots of kids from Loganholme school in the background playing in kayaks and canoes.



It would be extremely remiss of me not to include these pics of Vic's and my "rescue" back to camp, especially with so many witnesses! Many thanks to Ray, HB and Coll for helping us to save on our fuel bill.

Maroochy River

More Photos



Top: Another shot of the moored boats.

Centre: Looking back towards the hotel.

Left: Coming up to the little bridges near the bungalows.

Maroochy River

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Our 2024 Maroochy group



[Maroochy River](#)

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Weighmasters Richard, and Ron (standing in for Bruce), present the prizes to the winners. See results table for details.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 7th July - Solander Bowls afternoon, Solander Bowls Club, Banksia Beach.

Please arrive at 1pm to be ready to bowl at 1.30pm.

Bowlers to pay \$10 each. Dress code: Collared shirts, please wear club shirts if you have one.

Footwear: Bowls approved shoes, or thongs only. (Thongs should be smooth soled, going by last year's rules.)

Saturday 27th July - Christmas in July, Woorim Golf Club, Woorim.

Dress code: Christmas Theme.

Please arrive from 5.30pm. The bar tab will open 6pm with dinner served from 6.30pm.

Cost: Members \$20.00, Non-member/guest \$55.00.

Wednesday 7th August - Tina the Musical

If you are going to this, an email will be sent out to you closer to the date regarding travel details.

Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th October - Rainbow Beach comp.

This year's Rainbow Beach comp is now a 2-day comp. Three nights are booked at the Big4 Carlo Point.

A Thai food van has been booked for the Wednesday night the 9th, and Rainbow Sports Club is booked for Thursday 10th.



Coll Callander's *humungous* catfish caught off the beach at North Woorim.

Tips for Anglers.

This is the first of several tips and information I am going to include in the newsletters.

Shamelessly taken from the BCF catalogues and website, I make no claims to anything you might read in these articles.

Fishing Reel Maintenance for Salt Water Reels

Here is a step by step list to ensure your pride and joy is with you for many more sessions to come...

How many times have you been keen for a fish, packed your gear, only to find your reel running a whole lot rougher than when you used it last? Or even worst, completely seized up or suffering from the dreaded green powdery corrosion? Unfortunately fishing in saltwater exposes fishing reels to one of the harshest environments out there, and if maintained incorrectly, you're not going to get the long happy life you were expecting out of your prized piece of fishing weaponry. In some cases, reels can even suffer from being loved too much, where going the unnecessary extra mile to look after your gear actually causes more harm than good. So, here is a step by step list to ensure your pride and joy is with you for many more sessions to come. It's actually a lot easier than you think!

1. Tighten the drags on all the reels you are wanting to clean. This prevents water entering into the drags washers and causing them to get soggy.
2. Fill a bucket with warm water and grab yourself a clean rag to put in it.
3. Thoroughly wipe the reel completely free of any crystallised salt and dried water marks.
4. Run warm water over the line, this prevents salt build up and corrosion in the spool and helps to keep your line in good condition.
5. Allow to air or towel down with a dry clean rag.
6. With a spray lubricant like reel guard, inox, or lannogaurd, spray each of the moving parts accessible from the outside of the reel. This includes the handle, bailarm hinges and line-roller bearing before loosening the drag.

Wipe away excess oil, return to padded reel case and store out of direct sunlight. There you have it guys, it's as simple as that! Remember under no circumstances spray your reels with a high pressure hose and never completely submerge them in water. This drives the salt and other grime into the reel rather than washing it away. It's also a great idea to send your reels back to the supplier to be serviced rather than attempting to fix them yourself. There's a whole heap of small little springs and parts inside most reels these days, so it's best to leave it to the professionals! Happy fishing guys!



Target-a-species month long competition

Inshore (Bream) & offshore (Pearl Perch) comps

24th May - 28th June

Our annual Bream and Pearl Perch month-long competition starts on the 24th May and goes to the 28th June this year. Which means, for anyone who is not familiar with this comp, that you can only weigh in Bream in the inshore comp, and Pearl Perch in the offshore comp between these dates. You can still catch and keep any other (legal) fish but you can't weigh them in.

If you are unsure of where our boundaries for inshore and offshore reach, you can find them on the website [here](#).

Remember, Bream have to measure at least 27cm to qualify (for club weigh-in) and Pearl Perch 38cm.

There will only be one division covering all men, women, Juniors and Sub-Junior competitors.

Prizes will be allocated for the largest fish inshore and offshore and the heaviest bag inshore & offshore weighed in during the month.

If you need more info on this competition, please contact the weighmasters.



Bream

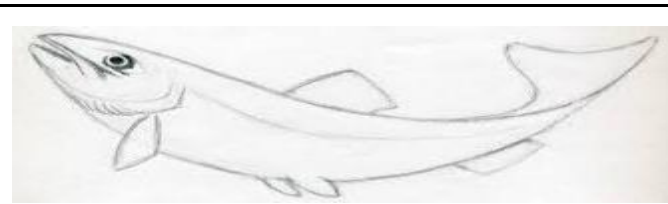



Pearl Perch

Pebble Beach Comp

27th May 2024

Results

Heaviest Fish					
Name	Weight (kg)	Species			
Bruce Carey	.900	Flathead			
Bruce Carey	.517	Flathead			
Rob Hinkley	.477	Flathead			
Heaviest Bag					
Name	Weight (kg)	Species			
Bruce Carey	1.417	Flathead			
Greg Hannay	1.00	Whiting			
Rob Hinkley	.477	Flathead			
Lucky Draw					
Meg Johnson					
Competitors that weighed in fish					
Name	Species	Weight (kg)	Total Bag (kg)	Fish Placing	Bag Placing
Bruce Carey	Flathead	.900	1.417	1st	1st
Bruce Carey	Flathead	.517		2nd	
Greg Hannay	Whiting	.393	1.00		2nd
	Whiting	.322			
	Whiting	.287			
Rob Hinkley	Flathead	.477	.477	3rd	3rd
Coll Callander	Whiting	.419	.419		
Trevor Plant	Whiting	.277	.277		

Pebble Beach Photos



Top: Some people couldn't wait for the tide to come in.

Centre: Ray and Barry don't want to get their feet wet.

Below Left: Watching the rising tide through the mangroves.

Below: Heatherbell doesn't mind getting her feet wet.



Pebble Beach Photos



Top Left: This year's group at Pebble Beach.

The rest of the photos are of weighmasters Bruce and Ron (standing in for Richard this time), presenting the prizes.

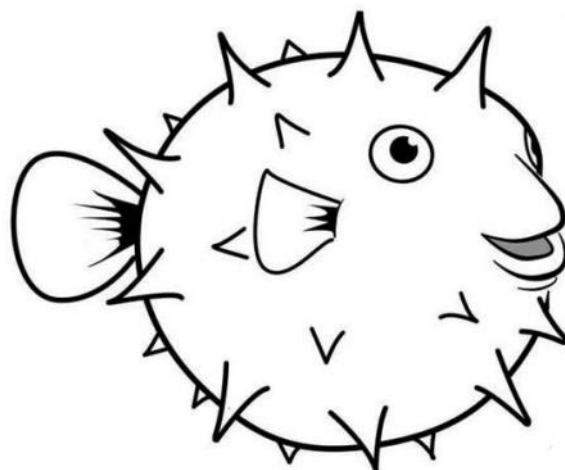
Check the results page for details.

Did You Know...?

Here are some more fun facts for you — this month, Pufferfish

- The pufferfish is the most poisonous fish in the sea but is harmless unless eaten. It can cause death in around 60% of people who do eat it. If prepared properly however, the puffer (or fugu) is edible and considered a delicacy in Japan and Korea.
- They are the only bony fish which can close their eyes, but they don't have eyelids. Instead, they pull their eyeballs deep within their sockets, and then squeeze the skin surrounding the eye closed.
- When a pufferfish is threatened they fill themselves with water, making themselves into a spiny ball three to four times their normal size.
- The male pufferfish makes huge, beautiful nests 2 m across in the sand, to attract a mate, which takes him a week or more to make. They even decorate their creations with shells. They never reuse the nest, always constructing a new one despite the time and effort it takes.
- Adult puffer fish have just four teeth, fused together into one strong beak which they use to open clams or mussels, and scrape algae off rocks.
- The larvae of the tiger puffer fish, once it has grown its first teeth, will bite lumps out of its siblings, causing many deaths.
- Puffer fish range in size from the tiny freshwater pygmy puffer fish at 3.5 cm to the giant puffer fish, also found in freshwater, at 67 cm long.
- Dolphins have been filmed playing with pufferfish, tossing them between each other for 20 to 30 minutes at a time. Afterwards they're shown swimming "dreamily", as if they'd got a high from touching them.

Watch this space for more life-changing fishy facts.



Raffles

Our Thursday night raffles at the RSL Club continue throughout the year, so get yourselves down there anytime from 5pm. Have dinner and a drink with friends and buy some tickets to support your fellow club members and your fishing club. The draw will be just after 7pm in the Sports Bar.

The roster for June and July is:

- 6 June - Heatherbell & Ray Rogers with Angie Stenning and Steve Burns
- 13 June - Heatherbell & Ray Rogers with Ian Callander, Richard Patterson & Rob Hinkley
- 20 June - Heatherbell & Ray Rogers with Ian Callander, Richard Patterson & Max Spencer
- 27 June - Lynn & Bruce Carey with Max Spencer
- 4 July - Ali & Vic Herring with Sharon & Roley Cook
- 11 July - Ali & Vic Herring with Sharon & Roley Cook

Club Merchandise for sale

Sandy has a selection of items, listed below, available for sale to members. You can contact her on 0448242448 if you would like to purchase anything.

Club polo tee shirts short sleeve. \$40.00

Long sleeve \$40.00

Club caps \$15.00

“Soon to be released “ - Club Stubbie Coolers

\$8.00 each

If you wish to have a photo of your choice screen printed onto a stubbie cooler, this can be done for an additional \$5.00 each. Please see Keith for details on this.

Just a Tip

When replacing your flares, make sure you don't keep the expired ones on board as well, as you could be fined.

Also, check the condition and expiry dates on EPIRBS and fire extinguishers.



BBQs at TOC-H



These are held on the last Sunday of most months. Your annual membership fee covers the cost of all BBQs. (Just bring some cash for raffles!)

It is a BYO venue and if you have never been there before, you can find TOC H at 36 Banyas St, Bongaree. (Go down the grassy slope).

A map is available on the website at www.bribiersfishingclub.com/monthly-bbqs.html or just use Google maps on your phone.

There is no BBQ for June or July owing to other club events, so the next BBQ will be held on **Sunday 25th August at 3pm.** This will be our soup day.



Left: Brian and Amrat cook the meat patties on the BBQ, while, below and left, the girls get the salads and bread rolls ready for the masses, at the May BBQ.



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Many of our Raffle Prizes have been donated from these businesses so make sure you support them when you can.



The Bribie RSL Fishing Club provides a real service to the community by extending the hand of friendship not only to fishermen and women with a common interest, but also to the many residents of Bribie Island and the surrounding area who would otherwise lead a lonely existence. Without the ability to raise the necessary funds, our club would not be able to exist, so through the generosity of the Bribie RSL Club, members of our club are able to raise the finances required by conducting raffles for meat and seafood vouchers on Thursday nights throughout the year. In addition, the Bribie Island RSL Club supports us in very substantial and significant ways – use of the ANZAC room for our monthly general meetings and very importantly, a \$25 voucher each month for our member's draw. Many thanks Bribie Island RSL Club – we really do appreciate your support.





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