



# **RBAFC April Newsletter 2018**

## **Presidents Report April 2018**

Easter has been and gone and the last of the gear from Straddie is put away, but somehow I'm still finding sand through the car. Pretty sure I have the dog to thank for that.

The first of the offshore trips for the month was cancelled due to bad weather. The crew did get out for the second one but the weather wasn't quite what BOM had predicted. None the less, they still brought over 13kg of fish to the scales. Gavin Harvey came first with 173 points. He caught 3 Parrot, 1 Moses Perch, 1 Mowong and a Grass Sweetlip. He also took out the species of the trip with a 1.045kg Parrot.

The weather for the first inshore trip wasn't fantastic either. It rained most of the day before thankfully blowing over in the evening. Twenty one members brought fish to weigh in. Mark Mills won the trip with 250 points. His catch included 10 whiting, 1 flathead, 5 tailor and 1 dart. Four of his tailor went over bonus weight. The biggest tipping the scales at 2.245kg. That's a big fish! Second was Gavin Harvey on 167 points with 10 whiting and three bonus tailor. Trevor Hinton was the only member able to find a Sweetlip for species of the trip, collecting the 50 points and \$25.00 voucher for Mossops Tackle world Cleveland along the way.

The second inshore trip saw 16 members weigh in. Not bad considering the 20 knots and rain we had most of the day. Eventually the wind died off and the rain cleared. Eva out fished Barry (again). Apparently they swapped sides since the last trip but the good side of the boat is always the side Eva has. Ernie Richards had a blinder of a trip, taking out first place with 202 points. His catch included 5 Whiting, 1 Flathead, 1 cod and 10 Tailor. Two of his tailor went bonus. Darren Black took out species of the trip with his kilo snapper and with his bag of whiting took second place overall. Notable catches from the trip were Mark Mills 2.585kg Tailor and Stuart Bush's 2.795kg Mowong.

We were unable to hold artificial bait day this month. Half the usual members were on the backup offshore trip & others including myself had to work.

I'd like to wish our inshore captain Ernie Richards a speedy recovery after his recent surgery. Ernie will be off his feet for a little while. For the next two inshore trips please log on (and OFF!) with myself via text message on Ph. 0408 066 040. Can you please put your name in the text message so I know who you are. If you do not have a mobile you can still log on & off with other club members via the 27meg radio on the water.

I'd like to reinforce the need for members to pre register for trips and to log on and off when fishing. We had an incident recently where someone pre registered but hurt themselves before logging on. It was only because they pre-registered that the captain could follow up on them after they failed to make contact. Remember safety comes first. Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back.

Offshore Charter Trip: If you are interested in coming along on an RBAFC offshore fishing charter with Big Cat charters please register your interest with me on Ph.0408 066 040 or see me at the next meeting. The cost will be \$200 per person if we have 17 people interested. Price includes snacks, lunch, bait, rods, reels and tackle.

The boat leaves at 5am and returns 2pm. A date has not been set until we see if we have enough interest.

We have a great month ahead with the Somerset Dam trip and two inshore comps coming up. See you on the water!

Adam Neeson

RBAFC President



## What's on in May!

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> May – Committee Meeting 7pm.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May - Inshore Competition. Weigh out at 6am. Species is Tailor & Backup is Flathead.

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May– Inshore Weigh in 11am.

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Fishing comp entries close.

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May - General Meeting. Meeting was moved from Thurs as members will be packing for Somerset Dam.

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> to Sun 20<sup>th</sup> May - Somerset Dam Trip

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May - Inshore Competition. Weigh out at 6am. Species is Flathead & Backup is Whiting.

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> May - Inshore Weigh in 11am.

Remember to get your entries in for the Sports fishing Competition. The species for the month is Snapper!



Mark Mills 2.585Kg Tailor



Stuart Bush's 2.795kg Mowong



Logan Bush with a nice Flathead

## *The points so far!*

Inshore Competition 2018	18-Feb	4-Mar	18-Mar	15-Apr	29-Apr	
Name	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4	Trip 5	Total
Darren Black	111	321	101	130	159	822
Scott Nolan	160	171	40	104	144	619
George Barlow	86	125	155	112	83	561
Ernie Richards	143	110	-	53	202	508
Mark Mills	75	28	32	250	69	454
Eva Matthews (L)	38	85	115	61	44	343
Trevor Hinton	42	76	120	67	-	305
Adam Neeson	100	-	26	90	78	294
Stuart Bush	-	-	102	55	122	279
Adrian Pilkington	23	71	83	54	44	275
Gavin Harvey	53	-	-	167	-	220
Barry Lewis	52	50	14	76	16	208
Lionel Phillips	140	63	-	-	-	203
Tommy Martin	-	47	83	29	26	185
Warren Richards	-	90	-	-	90	180
Cathy Phillips (L)	61	95	-	-	-	156
Phil Campbell	132	21	-	-	-	153
Averill Yowe (L)	40	38	-	50	-	128
Ron Yowe	-	50	-	59	15	124
Peter McKee	62	49	-	-	-	111
Scott King	-	89	-	-	-	89
Matt Melgard	-	-	50	18	13	81
Dave Booth	-	39	32	-	-	71
Gerard Shoesmith	66	-	-	-	-	66
Mick Kolodko	39	14	-	-	-	53
Mark Woodward	49	-	-	-	-	49
Logan Bush (J)	-	-	-	29	15	44
Austin Melgard (J)	13	-	-	17	12	42
Laurie Webb	-	-	34	-	-	34
Stuart Liard	34	-	-	-	-	34
Julian Wright	33	-	-	-	-	33
Gina Kolodko (L)	20	13	-	-	-	33
Claire Neeson	-	-	-	30	-	30
Sophia Pilkington	-	-	-	20	-	20
Reed Nolan	-	-	-	15	-	15