

# RBAFC Newsletter



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## President's Address

Welcome to April when the weather starts to cool down and the fishing gets better and better. Once again, offshore conditions have resulted in a cancelled competitions – with winter coming, hopefully conditions will moderate and we can finally enjoy a good run of weekend weather for both inshore and offshore competitions.

Matt Melgaard has elected to step down as club Secretary and David Booth has now taken on the Secretary role. I'd like to thank Matt for his time and valuable contributions during his time on the committee and also thank David for stepping in to the role.

Thanks to those who attended the working bee on the 10th of April with some much-needed cleanup and preventative maintenance being achieved. We'll be asking members to pitch in and help every now and then, to spread the load and make the club house and ground a safe and enjoyable venue for all.

And finally special thankyou to John Costello for his mangrove jack presentation at our last general meeting. John presented an interesting and informative talk and I'm sure everyone attending learned something.

Tight lines!



## What's On in April?

The April Calendar is half over, with an offshore trip and an inshore remaining for the month. For a complete list of events, click [this link](#).

Highlights for the remainder of April include an inshore trip on 23 April, and offshore trip on 30 April..

The Tipplers Social Day trip was once again cancelled in April due to strong winds. With the year now well underway, the trip is postponed indefinitely until we can find another break in the calendar schedule and line up some good weather. Stay tuned until further notice.

Don't forget to attend the **April** General Meeting on Wednesday 20, starting at 7:30pm to get the latest updates, ask questions and give feedback to the club. Club committee member and former president Adam Neeson will present as session on fishing for pelagics at the general club meeting on Wednesday 20th April, after 7:30pm. Make sure you come along and get the most from Adam's shared knowledge.



April 2022				
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3
			OFFSHORE TRIP #3	
			Weigh Out 5:00 am	Weigh In 1:00 pm
6	7	8	9	10
13 Committee Meeting 7.30 pm	14	15 Good Friday	16 Easter Saturday	17 Easter Sunday
20 General Meeting 7.30 pm Cut Off for upcoming Somerset Dam Trip	21 Reminder to Register for upcoming Fishing Trip	22	23	24
			INSHORE TRIP #4	
			Weigh Out 5:00 am Species - Pelagic	Weigh In 11:00 am Back Up - Flathead
27	28 Reminder to Register for upcoming Fishing Trip	29	30	Notes:
			OFFSHORE TRIP #4	
			Weigh Out 5:00 am	

## Second Inshore Fishing Competition – 26 March

This trip was the first of our Friday night comps for the year. With Sweetlip the species of the trip most crews fished the top end of the bay, however the Sweetlip proved hard to find with only a handful caught. The predicted rainfall wasn't too bad around Peel Island but the crews fishing the southern end of the bay copped quite a bit of rain during the night. There were good numbers of whiting from the pin but no real size to them.



Stuart Bush was the clear winner overall with a mixed bag of seven different species and also winning the 150 points for species of the trip!

Junior 1st Place - Logan Bush 21 points

Species of the trip - Sweetlip 709g - Stuart Bush

Open seniors 1st Place - Stuart Bush - 253 points

Open seniors 2nd Place - Adam Neeson 62 points

The Year to Date Scoreboard is shown in the table.

Redland Bay Amateur Fishing Club Inshore Points Table			
Name	Surname		Total
Duncan	Chowns		400
Stuart	Bush		315
Darren	Black		178
Mark	Mills		136
Tom	Martin		129
Barry	Lewis		107
Logan	Bush	J	104
Adrian	Pilkington		92
Austin	Melgaard	J	70
Darryl	Bahr		69
Gavin	Harvey		67
Adam	Neeson		67
Ted	Black	J	55
Matt	Melgaard		49
Steve	Komorowski		32

## Somerset Dam Trip

The annual Somerset Dam trip is planned for 20-22 May 2022 (Friday to Sunday). Members and their guests are invited to attend this great social event, where fresh water fishing, red claw and camping in relative comfort (hot showers, café) at the NRMA resort campground are the order of the day.

Somerset Dam is one of Queensland's oldest and larger freshwater storage impoundments, and home to abundant wildlife and stock with fish species such as Australian bass, golden perch, silver perch, Mary River cod and of course the famous crustaceans Red Claw.



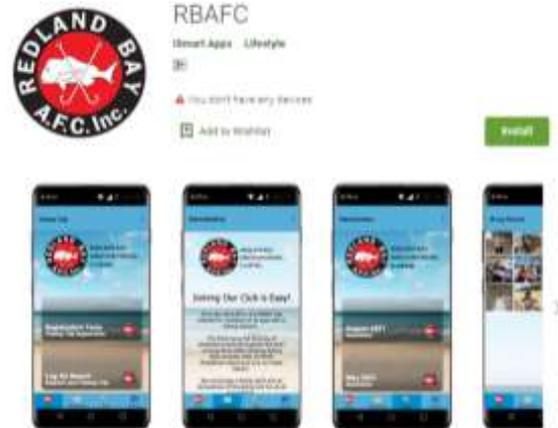
Come and join in the good food, company and fun. The booking form and more information is available on the [RBAFC](#) website. Cost is \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members and based on a minimum of two people per campsite. For singles requiring their own campsite an extra \$30 applies. Bookings close on Sunday 24 April and payment details will be posted on the website.

## RBAFC App - Google Play and Apple Store

The RBAFC has trialed the club App successfully during the first inshore competition in February.

The app worked as expected and proved successful in logging competition participants and allowing the inshore captain to maintain status of those fishing.

Members are now asked to use the App (where possible) for all future competitions (onshore and offshore). In the event that a member does not have a smartphone, or the app is unavailable, the old text SMS system can still be used.



If you haven't downloaded and installed the app yet, you can access it from the following links **below**.



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