

Official Newsletter the Moorebank Fishing Club Inc. www.moorebankfishingclub.org.au

FROM THE OFFICE....

Hi Guys welcome back for another month. March is gone & Easter is just around the corner!

The second meeting for 2017 was a pretty good turnout, 23 members. The weather gods came through for the 2nd comp weekend, with 3 or 4 small boats and the charter boat that made the most of the break in the weather.

We had 12 members weigh in with a total of 60 fish. Unfortunately some of the guys on the charter boat were unable to come back for the

weigh in. Let's hope this was a rare occasion as there is always cash prizes & a raffle prize to be won at each weigh in.

I'm told the charter boat went about 3 NM out with 9 fishos, with the first legal fish over the side by one of our newest and least experienced members, Wally.

Well done to all those that weighed in.

Great to see a junior member out there having a go. Well done Harry CURREN!

CALENDAR 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 13 12 13 4 15 16 17 18 19 20 2 1 22 22 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		
Dates for Diary	Birthday's	
Meeting: 11 April.	Mick Cawley	3 April
Comp weekend:	Jim Rheinberger	4 April
22-23 April	George Williams	15 April
Bunnings:	John Chevell	15 April
22 April	John Cheven	13 Дрііі
Charter Boat:	Bob Hidson	21 April
23 April	Peter Reinke	26 April
Weigh In		•
23 April	Garry O'keefe	29 April



There has been some great correspondence in from the Recreational Fishing Alliance regarding unauthorised lockouts & access to public beaches & rock fishing areas, new for old life jacket replacement programme and a spiel on how to catch trophy size flathead.

Another one from my friends at the Department of Primary Industry regarding having your say on the future development of ports in NSW: www.yourportcrownland.engagementhq.com/

Don't forget our club commitment to the **Bunnings BBQ on 22nd April.** I know this is the next comp weekend but if you aren't going fishing on the Saturday, at least come along and grab one of Mick O's sizzling sangas. Contact Paul HODGSON on 97552658 if you can assist.



Fish of the Month

Snapper

Common in coastal and offshore waters from the Capricorn Group in north Queensland around the coast of southern Australia to Coral Bay in Western Australia (including Tasmania).

Size

Maximum of 20kg and a length of over 1m.

Characteristics

Bright blue spots on body that become less distinct with age, and a background colour of pinkish silver to red. Large fish may have a large bony hump on the head and a fleshy bulge on the snout. Snapper are a popular angling species and are regarded as an excellent table fish. Common names include: cockney bream, reddies and squire, which are the names of juvenile snapper during different stages of their lifecycle.

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishsmart-app

Catching

When they're feeding snapper will eat almost anything. However best baits include fresh mackerel, fresh kahawai, pilchards, squid, skipjack tuna, mullet, shellfish and crabs.

For big snapper, try live mackerel, live squid – even live kahawai if they're not too large – fished near the bottom. Soft baits, jigs and flasher rigs are also very effective on snapper www.fishing.net.nz/how-to-catch/snapper/#sthash.hCkFZaEN.dpuf

REMEMBER NO PAY = NO WEIGH!

We have already had the first weigh in, so any fees paid from now on, will incur a \$20 late fee. Try and introduce a new member by spreading the word. The 2017 club cards are now available as well as club stickers. So put a sticker on your boat, car or caravan and fly the flag.

CHARTER BOAT RUNS - SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2017

Ring Charter Boat Captain - Mick Overton Mobile: 0449 900 016

Secure your spot, so you don't miss out, BOOK NOW!!!!

As was mentioned before, we need to try and improve the attendance by members on our Charter boats. We try hard offering a subsidy of \$20 per head each trip for members who attend, this, on the back of negotiating the best prices any one could get to obtain a great boat.

'Fishfinder' can take 10 people, and as the guys from the last trip can testify, you just walk on and off. All gear bait, tackle and rods provided.

Having a Charter is a vital backbone in allowing MFC to provide fishing opportunities' for our club members not possessing all the gear, or boats and insures good participation at weigh ins.



Congratulations to our second 2017 weigh-in trophy winners:
Fish of the Month: TAILOR
12 people weighed in for a total of 60 fish.

Best fish: Trent CHALMERS – 1.442 snapper

Biggest fish: Justin BOLD – 1.084KG bream

Most fish: Rob COOPER – 12 fish

Mystery fish: Tuna – not won Guzzlers: Justin BOLD

Wahoo: Jesse McGLINCHY

Raffle: Ticket # 49

First fish (charter): 'Wally' HAMDAN

Hopefully the newsletter keeps you up to date.

Feel free to offer contributions; we can list things you have to sell not only in the letter but on our website; promote your business; keep the gossip and funnies segments full, etc, etc. I have a pretty thick skin, so if you have any gripes about the newsletter, what it needs and what doesn't feel free to drop me a line.

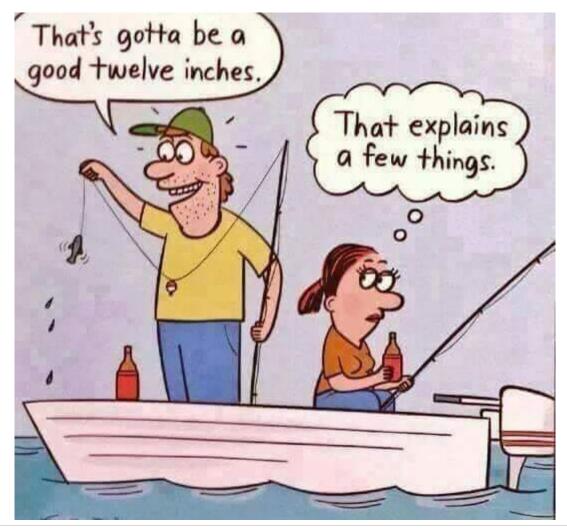
If you have a request for a presentation at a meeting night, let the committee members know & we will see what can be arranged. If you don't ask – you don't get.

As ever, we are always keen to welcome new members, particularly better halves and juniors 16 years and under, who if in anyway are associated to existing members, can weigh in at any of our competitions not only on family day. Most of us have wives, kids and grandkids and I think we would all love to see a wife or junior take home a prize. I encourage you all to have a say, throw in your 2-bob and make this a memorable 2017.

On a sadder note. The club was saddened to hear of the recent passing of ex-member Gabe QUERIGROSSI, who passed away the other week, aged 68. Our thoughts go to Gabe's family and friends.

If you know of members or their family who are suffering from ill health and would like a special mention in the newsletter, let me know.

Keep in touch with what is happening on www.moorebankfishingclub.org.au



Abit of humour...

A couple of young boys were fishing at their special pond off the beaten track. All of a sudden, the Game Warden jumped out of the bushes. Immediately, one of the boys threw his rod down and started running through the woods like a bat out of hell.

The Game Warden was hot on his heels. After about a half mile, the young man stopped and stooped over with his hands on his thighs to catch his breath, so the Game Warden finally caught up to him. "Let's see yer fishin' license, Boy!" the Warden gasped. With that, the boy pulled out his wallet and gave the Game Warden a valid fishing license. "Well, son," said the Game Warden. "You must be about as dumb as a box of rocks! You don't have to run from me if you have a valid license!" "Yes, sir," replied the young guy. "But my friend back there, well, he don't have one."

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