



HOOK LINE & SINKER

Official Newsletter the Moorebank Fishing Club Inc.

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FROM THE OFFICE....

Well that's another one down. The Easter Bunny has been and School Holidays are just around the corner. Hard to believe it's almost ½ way through the year already!

I was fortunate enough to be invited down to Sussex Inlet for last comp weekend with a few decent fish caught on the Sunday morning.

Some headed South while others decided to stick it out in Botany Bay with Plum & his deckies grabbing a few decent kingies trevally and salmon.

We had a new junior fisherman for the last comp, Cody LACY & he brought in a decent flathead as well. Congrats to Cody! It looks like Harry and Lachlan might have some competition.

It was great to see another member, Barry BARNES stepping-in to help out with the bbq in the absence of Mick OVERTON. Thanks Barry!

The weather for the comp was decent & the pub arranged a couple of tables inside for us to eat in comfort. We are working with Management & changes can be made. If you are unhappy with the location, eating/seating arrangements, let us know. If

Management don't get feedback things can't be improved.

Results from March weigh-in:

Best: Justin BOLD = 3.125KG flathead
Biggest: Rob COOPER = 2.310 kingfish
Most: Jesse McGLINCHY = 9 fish
Wahoo: Rob COOPER
Guzzlers: Terry FULLER
Mystery: Blue Morwong (not won)
Raffle: Number 2
Total: 10 members with a total of 48 fish.

The time has passed for anyone wanting to renew their membership fees for 2018, they are now overdue and will incur a late fee of \$10

The brag mats are available for \$15 and the first run of the long sleeve shirts should be available very soon.

We continue getting interest in our Facebook page. Remember, even if you don't post anything, it would be great to see more members visit the page, tag photos & leaving comments.

It was great to see Tom and Harry CURRAN took a charter off Kiama over the Easter weekend with several good fish caught which were posted onto our Facebook page.

Remember this page that has been created for the club; by members; for all to enjoy. In the interest of everyone that visits the page, posts and comments should reflect appropriate content. Most of us are mature adults but we do have women and children that visit the page. If you wouldn't want your wife or children looking at the posts or comments, then don't put it there for others to see.

Thursday night raffles are on again, however there has not been huge turn-outs at the pub. The usual faces are there but it would be great to see some new faces, 'flying the flag'.

There have been changes to the Charter Boat, based on numbers and availability. Shaun PROBERTS, is making enquiries to see what boats are available and what is best for the club.

If we want a Charter and members to be subsidised, we need to improve the attendance by members on our charters. The club offers a subsidy of \$20 per head each trip for members, as well as negotiating the best prices.

Having a Charter is a great way of evening up the have & have nots when it comes to fishing. As the charter supplies the rods, reels and bait, everyone has an equal chance of landing the 'big-one'.

	
Diary Dates	Birthday's
<p>Meeting: 10th April.</p> <p>Comp weekend: 21 – 22 April</p> <p>Weigh In: 22nd April @ 4:00pm</p>	<p>Mick CAWLEY – 3 April</p> <p>George WILLIAMS – 15 April</p> <p>Ian LACY – 18 April</p> <p>Bob HIDSON – 21 April</p> <p>Peter REINKE – 26 April</p> <p>Garry O'KEEFE – 29 April</p>

WHAT'S NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Since last Newsletter, Peter BARNES tied the knot. Well done to Peter & Katrina. We wish them many happy years together.

The trophies that were kindly donated by Richard WARRING and Shaun PROBERTS have now been named and are in the process of being mounted with plaques. Thank's again guys for the addition of these wonderful carvings.

There have been a few faces absent from our get meetings, raffles & weigh-ins of recent months. People like Mick OVERTON, who is still recovering from shoulder surgery and we haven't seen Jimmy RHEINBERG or Pete McKINNON for a few weeks, we offer our prayers and best wishes that we will see them both up and about in the coming weeks.



Fish of the Month

Snapper

Distribution - 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, reddie and squire, which are the names of juvenile snapper during different stages of their lifecycle.

Confusing species - None.

Hopefully the newsletter keeps you up to date.

Feel free to contribute; we can list things you have to sell not only in the newsletter but on our website; promote your business, etc, etc. I have a pretty thick skin, so if you have any gripes about the newsletter, feel free to drop me a line.

If you have a request for a presentation at a meeting night, let the committee 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 we would all love to see a wife or junior take home a prize.

Last meeting we had two great presenters from RMS and Marine Rescue. As it is a Government body, we couldn't donate to RMS but the donation of \$300 to Marine Rescue was greatly appreciated

If you know of members or 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

Don't forget next meeting, Tuesday 10th April. Although there are no presenters this time, all members are encouraged to make an effort to attend to support our club, our local pub and give a warm welcome to potential new members.

Name the faces

Members that frequent Vic's place would have had the pleasure of meeting Morrie. It turns out Morrie is quite a dab hand with a lead pencil and he has completed several caricatures of those members. See if you can identify them all...



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