



# HOOK LINE & SINKER

Official Newsletter the Moorebank Fishing Club Inc.  
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## FROM THE OFFICE....

Well guys, September already and only a few more sleeps until Greenwell Point.

The August meeting for 2017 was another decent turn-out with 24 members attending. This newsletter may be slim pickings as I am in the middle of making a few home adjustments and don't have access to my normal facilities. Bare with me and I'm sure it can only get better!



The weather gods still have us in their sights, not for rain but blustery winds that makes boating dangerous & uncomfortable. For those of us that were brave, or silly enough to brave the elements, there weren't a great number of fish to be caught anywhere.

There was no charter boat for August, with the next one slated to be after our men's weekend at Greenwell Point.

Unfortunately I don't have the weights available but it's pretty easy to remember the fish that were weighed in, not including the one that had despite his best efforts, couldn't be stretched to make the size limit and had to be returned to it's parents!

The August weigh-in had 3 members weigh in with Tom CURRAN with a decent flounder, Plum with 2 drummer & Pete BARNES with 1 drummer. Let's hope the wind dies down, the temperature picks up & the fish are biting for this Month.

Neither the mystery fish nor the fish of the month were won; the guzzlers was won. The Wahoo was won by Barry BARNES and the raffle was won by.....ME.

	
Diary Dates	Birthday's
<p><b>Meeting:</b> 8<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p><b>Greenwell Point:</b> 22-23 September</p> <p><b>Comp weekend:</b> 16-17 September</p> <p><b>Weigh In</b> 27 August @ 4:00pm</p>	<p><b>Denis GRO***** – 12<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Kevin GOR***** – 13<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Sean Mck***** – 14<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Troy GEE***** – 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Russel COP***** – 26<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Gary ELL***** – 30<sup>th</sup> September</b></p>

# JULY WEIGH-IN PICS

Unfortunately I don't have the pics for this month, however they were previously uploaded onto the Facebook page earlier.

Tom CUR\*\*\*\*\*: Biggest fish (flounder)

Rob COO\*\*\*\*\*: Most fish

Peter BAR\*\*\*\*\*: Best fish

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

This Month has had a mixed bag of great and sad news for members and family.

On a cheerful note, Jimmy RHE\*\*\*\*\* is back on his feet and recovering. He is obviously feeling much better, judging by the pic I saw of him enjoying a cold one the other weekend.

On a more sombre tone, we have had two recent passings. Previous club member Des PAR\*\*\*\*\* passed away the other week. Des served as Club Treasurer for many years and always came good at Christmas with ice creams for the kids at our parties. Our thoughts and prayers have been passed on to the PARKES family.

Our President also had a recent death in his family, with his mother-in-law passing away in the last few weeks. Many club members knew Marie and all our thoughts and prayers go out to Carol, Keith and family.

Wattle Grove Fishos have been given permission to rid the Brighton Lakes dam of carp and have been kind enough to invite us along for a friendly competition. The date has been set for 29<sup>th</sup> October. Hopefully we can match their turn-out and make it a fun-filled day. Just another reminder that Brighton Lakes have requested that children DO NOT ATTEND as the risk of injury from wayward golf balls and an un-

fenced dam is too great. While it is regrettable that kids can't join in, I personally believe the Golf Club decision is both understandable and reasonable.

Again it would be great if we could see a few more members attending the meat raffles on Thursday night. The Moorebank Pub has generously started donating a \$50 prize to complement our meat raffles. The pub prize can be spent on food and/or drink on the premises.



### Fish of the Month

#### Morwong (banded)

**Distribution** - Banded morwong inhabit exposed rocky headlands and coastal reefs, from Seal Rocks in NSW, throughout Victorian and Tasmanian waters to Robe in South Australia. They are also found in New Zealand, where they are known as red moki.

**Size** - They are the largest of the morwongs, reaching a maximum length of approximately 70 centimetres and 15kg in weight.

**Characteristics** - The reddish-silver body displays approximately 8 thick bands, which vary in colour from reddish-brown to almost black in juveniles. Banded morwong feed on reef-dwelling shellfish and crustaceans, however, they are caught by spear fishers more often than by line fishers.

#### Morwong (Jackass)

**Distribution** - Jackass morwong are found in Australia's southern waters, from Sydney to Rottnest Island in Western Australia. On the East Coast some fish have been caught as far north as Moreton Bay, Queensland. They generally occur as individuals or large schools and inhabit deep coastal waters (25 metres to a depth of more than 200 metres) and occasionally enter large coastal bays.

**Size** - Maximum weight of about 4.5kg and up to 70cm in length.

**Characteristics** - Head & body are a greyish/silver colour. Some fish have a yellow/red tinge on the upper body. Jackass morwong possess a dark band across the top of their head, extending to the base of the pectoral fins. The seventh ray of the pectoral fin is elongated and extends past the rest of the fin.

#### Morwong (Red)

**Distribution** - Red morwong are found on the east coast of Australia, from southern Queensland to Bass Strait. They are common in NSW waters, occurring in shallow coastal waters to a depth of approximately 30 metres.

**Size** - Maximum of approximately 4kg and 65cm in length.

**Characteristics** - The upper body varies from red to pale brown in colour. Juveniles are uniformly red, while adults have a silvery/white lower half. Red morwong have a small pair of horns in front of their eyes.

# Out and About

The below pics show some of our members in their natural habitat...



Must be an old photo  
Pete has hair!



Great to see Jimmy is back!

## **CHARTER BOAT WATCH THIS SPACE!!!**

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

As the colder months are almost over, now is a good time to co consider upcoming charter boat days, with the next planned charter boat after Greenwell Point.

As we have mentioned before, we need to try and improve the attendance by members on our charters. The club offers a subsidy of \$20 per head each trip for members who attend as well as 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 ensures good participation at weigh ins.



## **LAST CHANCE** **Greenwell Point** **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Guys, despite my rant in last months newsletter about it being a **FINAL REMINDER**, it has been brought to my attention that there are still individuals that have indicated they want to go but haven't paid yet. This is not on as we have to book & pay upfront. Get your butts into gear and pay now or we will have to cancel spots. I don't want to pay for places that aren't being taken. A friendly golf match is on the Friday; dinner Friday night at the Club, (adjacent to our accommodation); fishing on the Saturday with several of us taking boats down; another dinner at the club for those interested and a scrumptious egg & bacon cook-up on the Sunday morning.

Remember there is no charter, so those that haven't yet asked around who is taking their boat and arranged a spot, I'm sure you can arrange it yourself.

Moorebank Fishos have been going to Greenwell Point for almost 30 Years. It is a timely reminder for everyone to have a good time without excess. Be mindful of other persons staying at the park with regards to moving around the park & remember noise travels. We would love to continue our great rapport with Coral Tree Lodge.

### **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; 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 know & we will see what can be arranged. If you don't ask – you don't get. Hopefully at the next meeting I will arrange 'Peter' a local boat mechanic from Chipping Norton.



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.

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](http://www.moorebankfishingclub.org.au)

Don't forget next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September August. I encourage all members to make an effort to attend & hopefully we can have a packed house to support our club and our local pub.



# A bit of humour...

## Fast Blonde

A blonde was speeding in a residential zone when a local police cruiser pulled her over. The female police officer who walked up to the car also happened to be a blonde. She asked for the blonde's driver's license. The driver searched frantically in her purse for a while and said to the blonde policewoman, "What does a driver's license look like?" Irritated, the blonde cop

said, "Don't be a smartass!, it's got your picture on it!" The blonde driver frantically searched her purse again and found a small, mirror down at the bottom. She held it up to her face and said, "Aha! This must be my driver's license", then handed it to the blonde policewoman. The blonde cop looked in the mirror, handed it back to the driver and said, "You're free to go. And, if I had known you were a police officer too, we could have avoided all of this."

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/blondejokes/blondepolicewomanjoke.html>

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