



# HOOK LINE & SINKER

Official Newsletter the Moorebank Fishing Club Inc.

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## FROM THE OFFICE....

Another month down and only a few weeks until Greenwell Point. Hopefully the colder Months are behind us, the water will start to warm up, the winds drop & the seas calmer & the bigger fish will come in closer.

Although I didn't get out last comp weekend, it was great to see a decent turn-out for the weigh-in with some decent fish caught.

### Results from August weigh-in:

**Best:** J.BOLD – 0.870KG Blackfish

**Biggest:** V.HUDSON – 1.083KG

Drummer

**Most:** R. BOLD = 10 fish

**Wahoo:** #17 – H.PLUM

**Guzzlers:** J.BOLD

**Mystery:** S.PROBERTS – L-Jacket

**Raffle:** #99 – J.SHELL

**Total:** 11 members with a total of 48 fish.

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.

Remember the Facebook page was 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 continue to be an area where we should improve our attendance. It would be great to see new faces, 'flying the flag' & helping out with the raffles.

While we haven't had a club charter boat outing this year, remember the club subsidises \$20 per head for members and 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

**Meeting:**

11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Comp weekend:**

15 – 16 September

**Weigh In:**

14<sup>th</sup> July @ 4:00pm

**Greenwell Point:**

21 – 23 September

**T.GEERING – 23 September**

**G.ELLIOTT – 30 September**

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

Just a reminder that Greenwell Point is only a few weeks away. By now everyone should know who their room mates are and should have squared away who they are going fishing with. Remember golf has been arranged for 16 players with 8 carts on the Friday. Although there was a minor issue last year, let's all be adults and consider others that are down there. It would look good if a club that has been going there for 30+ years, gets asked to leave because of noise complaints.

Most of us have been launching & retrieving boats for a few years and quite often there is some knuckle-head that holds up the procession for various reasons. Sometimes it is a simple mistake & other times it can have tragic results.

Have a look at the Hyperlinks below. (press & hold your ctrl. Key + left mouse button).

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/maritime/safety-rules/publications/boat-ramp-etiquette.pdf>

There has been some recent development with the State Government proposing as many as 14 Marine Sanctuaries between Lake Munmorah and Wollongong. Many Fishing, Diving and Boating Clubs are referring to this as a LOCKOUT.

Some smaller maps have been provided for viewing, although they are somewhat lacking in detail. There is more information on these proposals and an interactive map with frequently asked questions at:

Basically the Government is planning to limit where we can fish. The SANCTUARY ZONES (in pink on the maps), will be NO GO for any reason. These proposed changes, what they mean and how they will affect us, will be discussed at the next meeting. It would be great to get a good turn-out.

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)

Remember we can list things you have to sell not only in the newsletter but on our website; promote your business, etc, etc. 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.

Don't forget next meeting, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. 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.



**Fish of the Month - MORWONG**

### **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 can grow to 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.

**Confusing species** - Banded morwong are similar in shape and colour to the red-lipped morwong. They lack the characteristic brown spots of the re-lipped morwong and the distribution of these species does not overlap.

### **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 may 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 greatly elongated and extends past the rest of the fin.

**Confusing species** - None. The black 'collar' clearly identifies this species.

### **Morwong (Red)**

**Distribution** - Red morwong are confined to 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.

**Confusing species** - Occasionally confused with the banded morwong, which occurs in the southern range of red morwong, however, they are easily separated as the banded morwong does not have a pair of small horns in front of its eyes.

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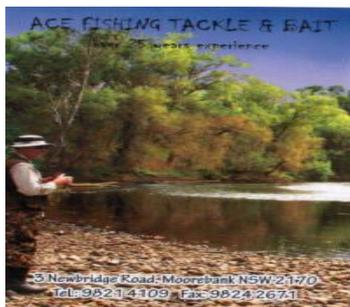
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