



February 2021 Monthly Newsletter

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The EAFC would like to thank the Businesses that have already offered donations to our upcoming Annual Fishing Competition.

If there is anyone else wishing to participate please contact our Sponsor Co-Ordinator: Val Cartledge on 0419 154 843 or email our secretary Pam Schroeder.

CONDOLENCES:

Our Sincere sympathies to Colin Walder and family on the recent passing of his Mother.



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2021 Competition:

Competition Entries Now Available

On Line www.edenfishingclub.org

Competition Quick Rule Facts

Monthly Events & Results:

SLIMY MACKEREL JANUARY FISH OF THE MONTH
WINNERS

YEARLY HEAVIEST FISH RESULTS

GENERAL MEETINGS:

(ALL MEMBERS WELCOME)

NEXT MEETING: 17TH FEB 3PM CLUB HOUSE

Dates to Remember:

Working Bee's Club House:

Wednesday 10th Feb

Saturday 27th Feb

Sunday 28th Feb

End of Month Function TBA

Saturday 27th Feb

Friday 5th March 5.30pm

Briefing Night & BBQ

Specials Guest Speakers

Special Presentation to Marine Rescue

43RD Annual Fishing Competition

March 6th to 13th 2021

Happenings Around The Club House



New Signage Erected Incorporating our Community Grant Approval to Recognise our Indigenous Community.

Lawn being watered, fed and getting prepared to look luscious thanks to our Garden Guru Adam and assistant Gordon.

New Garden Beds constructed and new plants creating a more appealing look thanks to our Garden Gnome Eddy.

Building repairs continuing to secure the structure of our new looking Club House.

New Bathrooms and Disabled Toilet Completed.

The new Outdoor Seating and Storage Container will soon receive a fresh coat of paint Thanks to painting expert Max.

Our new Look Web Page with excellent photos of our Members Catches and Digital links for our Sponsors has been created.

On line access to Competition Entries and Rules, Club Merchandise, Newsletters, President Report's (so much more to be revealed)

The Major Boat Prize Package is being shown off in our local towns: and the feedback from the community has been so positive and pleased that the Competition is going ahead.



We were treated to a welcome taste of summer around the Australia day weekend and it was good to see a large number of visitors out enjoying fantastic fishing conditions. Apart from those few days though it's just been more of the same rubbish of recent months.

Rivers and lakes. There is a saying that 10% of fishermen/women take 90% of the recreational catch, this is probably not far off the mark. For example early in January word of a hot Whiting bite down at Wonboyn was out and several boatloads of club members ventured down to clean up.

Boat "A" crewed by 3 members who undisputedly fit into the successful 10% range, bagged out. Boats "B" and "C" crewed by heavyweights of the club committee caught pretty much bugger all and certainly on the day fell into the 90% range of anglers who don't deplete our fish stocks to any large degree. To be fair though they were not the only ones to not do well as plenty of Whiting could be seen swimming around but were mostly not interested in taking a bait. While most reports were of Whiting, Bream, Dusky Flathead, Trevally and Tailor are all being caught in our estuaries.

Outside fishing: Reports indicate that not a lot has changed in the last month, Morwong are still on the bite along our coastal waters especially to the South where Nannygai and Jackass Mowies are plentiful as well. There are the usual reports of a few good Snapper with Lennard's Island, Boyd's tower and Green Cape getting a mention. Snapper fishing could be on the up as we have seen a lot of good fish weighed in during recent march fishing comps.

Gummy sharks are still in the news, mostly from north of Merimbula but some reports relate to our local waters including one very large fish of 30 kgs caught in twofold Bay. Jewie enthusiasts are excited as there are reports of several fish landed from the Boydtown area including one massive 28kg specimen.

Flathead fishing has improved but some say is still a bit patchy, a previous report of large numbers of Flathead in the bay has not been backed up in recent weeks. Flatty specialists are claiming bag limits but are being extremely evasive when asked where the flatties are? The Saltwater Creek. Leatherjacket bay and Pinnacles grounds should all be worth a try. Kingfish are not firing yet, just hearing a whisper of rats and a very occasional good fish around.

Beach fishing: Word is that there are plenty of Salmon and Tailor around the bay so for a bit of fun try Aislings Beach. Just a bit North Terrace beach should also be producing good Salmon, a couple of hours after dawn and before dusk are the best times and whole pilchards hard to beat as a bait. Good Tailor are likely to make an appearance as well, best time for these is an hour or two around high tide especially when this occurs around dusk.

Game fishing: News of multiple hookups of marlin just inside the shelf off Eden will no doubt have spread through the ranks of local game fishers and many from afar. This will drag in some visiting boats and augers well for our big comp. Adding to the attraction good sized Dolphin Fish and Striped Tuna have shown up out there as well.

Fish of the month for January was Slimy Mackerel and the winner of the men's section was Gordon Rugg who is having a very big year. Gordon didn't even fish for them, he just managed to jag the winner while bottom bashing for Flathead.

February fish of the month is the Sand Flathead, not too much need be said about them other than they are easy to catch, if you have access to a boat, easy to fillet and are a top table fish.

Best done in a light beer batter and deep fried

Filleting Flathead

Filleting flathead is one of those things most newcomers find a little difficult. And let's face it, they are pretty weird looking fish. But they taste great, are reasonably abundant along the east coast and there are ways to make the most of your catch.

It's quick, easy and maximises the fillet yield.

So if you're keen on getting some boneless, tasty flathead fillets on your plate, check this method out and give it a go if you're struggling with filleting flathead.

Step 1. Make a cut diagonally between the pectoral fins to the spine.



Step 2. Turn the knife edge towards the tail then run the knife along the backbone, cutting through the rib cage bones and exiting at the tail. The fillet is now removed from the fish.



Step 3. There is a small gap between the skin and the flesh just in front of the pectoral fin left on the fillet. Insert your finger or thumb in here and push the flesh away from the pectoral fin.



Step 4. The pectoral fin now acts like a convenient handle providing a grip so you can peel the flesh from the skin, moving towards the tail.



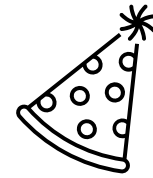
Step 5. Your fillet is now skinless.

Step 6. Feel for the last rib cage bone and run your filleting knife down the tail side of this bone. This will give you a tail fillet with no bones – perfect for the kids.

Step 7. Run the knife along the rib cage bones on the non-stomach side and remove the boneless fillet.

Step 8. Run the knife along the rib cage bones on the stomach side and remove the fillet. This leaves the rib cage bones to be disposed of or used for crab bait

Step 9. There are two (sometimes three) floating bones in this last fillet that need to be removed. You can cut them out, use tweezers or your fingers to remove these floating bones, leaving a third boneless fillet.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
Isabella Howlett Turn's 8



Members Seafood Dinner

Great numbers were in attendance including current members and friends of friends who enjoyed a smorgasbord of local seafood and sumptuous desserts.

With a twist on the usual raffle prizes our youngest members Lilly and Imogen did a sterling job drawing out our lucky winners!

A great night was had by all and thank you to all the elves that cleaned up after us.

WORKING BEE CALENDAR AT CLUB HOUSE

Wednesday 10th Feb 9.00am.

Refresh outdoor seating, including sanding and painting.

Saturday 27th Feb 9.00am

Full yard maintenance, total clean inside & out, including bathrooms.

Sunday 28th Feb: 9.00am

Prepare Club House for Competition

We would welcome any Members who are able to offer their assistance leading up to and during the Competition.

Our End of Month Dinner scheduled for Sat 27th Feb will be unable to be held at our Club House, therefore another venue will be sourced.

I'm lucky to have a live in Secretary to remind me that my next President's report is due seems like yesterday that I was typing out the January report!

All the Committee have been working hard to keep things on track for our Comp which is now only a few weeks away and with the changes to our old format, special attention has been needed to ensure our online entries are being recorded and formatted correctly with the new program developed by our computer event organisers.

I know it's been almost a full-time job for Pam and Val coordinating all sponsorships. Company logos are being added to our fish record entries and web programs which will appear during the comp ensuring all sponsors are recognised.

In regard to our sponsors, I would like to thank them for their ongoing support, one would think that after all of our businesses and retailers have been through over the past year or so that they may have not been in a position to be so generous. It just goes to show the importance of our comp and the need to bring people into town and boost our economy.

I would like to encourage all people who are intending to participate in the comp that they do their online registrations early as it will save the committee heaps of work in the days leading up to the competition start date.

We are making an extra effort this year to show off our major boat prize generously sponsored by Sapphire Marine, Honda Outboards Mad Dog Boats, Savwinch and Garmin by taking it to other local towns including Mallacoota to sell entries and raffle tickets.

If you go to our website you will also find our special sponsors and direct links to their websites. So please support our local sponsors and businesses as without them our competition would not survive.

Our seafood night last Saturday was a great success with a full house of members and new guests enjoying prawns, calamari, a variety of fish including baked snapper followed by some delicious desserts. Thanks to the Carson's for their generous supply of fish and Eddie and Melanie prepared such a great feed. Let's also not forget those members who made their special desserts. We also had a bit of fun with the usual (or perhaps unusual) raffles.

There were comments made that with the increase in numbers it felt like one of the old-time functions so let us hope we can continue to replicate what was a great night in the future.

With the bathroom upgrades and the installation of our new club signage we are still working towards having our other repairs to the clubrooms completed in the next couple of weeks. Fingers crossed.

We will be having a working bee on the 27th of February to tidy up around rooms and unload the shipping container with the stuff we use for the comp.

Unfortunately, the weather has still been a bit unkind to fishing the blue water but for those fishos who adopt the attitude "out before 7 and home before 11" they are achieving the result prior to the wind getting up.

I must buy an alarm clock!

E.A.F.C.I. YEARLY FISH WEIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2021













SPECIES	MEN	WEIGHT KG.	LADIES	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	G.RUGG	1.700	J.RUGG	1.200
DRUMMER	R.LEEDING	1.925	B.LEEDING	3.305
FLATHEAD, RIVER	K.HOWLETT	3.350	K.JONES	5.700
FLATHEAD, SAND			K.JONES	1.047
FLATHEAD, TIGER				
JEWFISH				
KINGFISH				
LATCHET GURNARD	T.CARSON	1.280		
LEATHERJACKET	M.CARSON	1.455	T.HOWLETT	0.525
LUDERICK	G.RUGG	1.600	K.JONES	1.600
MACKEREL, SLIMY	G.RUGG	0.370		
MARLIN				
MORWONG, JACKASS	T.CARSON	1.172	K.JONES	0.960
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	G.RUGG	2.445	J.RUGG	1.925
NANNYGAI	T.CARSON	1.150	T.HOWLETT	0.876
SALMON	K.HOWLETT	2.000		
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY			K.JONES	2.270
SNAPPER	T.CARSON	2.715	K.JONES	1.450
TAILOR	T.CARSON	3.383	K.JONES	1.133
TREVALLY	T.CARSON	2.090	J.RUGG	0.733
TROUT	T.CARSON	1.700	K.JONES	1.350
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	G.McMAHON	62.000		
SAND WHITING	G.RUGG	0.995	J.RUGG	0.705
SPECIES	BOYS	WEIGHT KG.	GIRLS	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	F.CARSON	0.850	E.CARSON	0.650
FLATHEAD, RIVER	F.CARSON	1.050		
FLATHEAD, SAND	L.CARSON	0.692		
FLATHEAD, TIGER	L.CARSON	0.480		
KINGFISH				
LEATHERJACKET	L.CARSON	0.280		
LUDERICK				
MACKEREL, SLIMY	L.CARSON	0.109		
MORWONG, JACKASS	L.CARSON	0.734		
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	F.CARSON	2.796		
NANNYGAI	L.CARSON	1.046		
SALMON	F.CARSON	1.700		
SHARK, GAME	L.CARSON	13.500		
SHARK, GUMMY				
SNAPPER	L.CARSON	1.055		
SWEEP	L.CARSON	0.290		
TAILOR	F.CARSON	1.166		
TREVALLY	F.CARSON	0.500	I.HOWLETT	0.533
TROUT	F.CARSON	1.700		
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
SAND WHITING	L.CARSON	0.358	I.HOWLETT	0.430

PLEASE NOTE: WEIGHT DOCKETS ARE VALID FOR 2 MONTHS ONLY.

WEIGHMASTER G.RUGG

NEW ENTRIES

FISH OF THE MONTH TARGETED SPECIES

 <p>September - Trevally</p>	 <p>October - Bream</p>
 <p>NOVEMBER - LUDERICK</p>	<p>DECEMBER - SAND WHITING</p> 
<p>JANUARY - SLIMY MACKEREL</p> 	<p>FEBRUARY - SANDFLATHEAD</p> 
<p>MARCH - KINGFISH</p> 	<p>APRIL - SALMON</p> 
<p>MAY - SNAPPER</p> 	<p>JUNE - LEATHER JACKET</p> 
<p>JULY - DRUMMER</p> 	<p>AUGUST - MORWONG</p> 

FISH OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY SLIMY MACKEREL
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS

Men's-GORDON RUGG .370kg and Boys LACHLAN CARSON .109kg
 No Winners for LADIES and GIRLS

E AFC WISHES TO THANK OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



OUT of WATER'S SUBMISSIONS:

Geoff McMahon caught an 82cm Snapper, 1kg Whiting, 1.1kg Slimy Mackerel, 2.8kg Nannygai and Gloria Sebley tagged a 70kg Marlin last week.



***** SUPER EFFORT *****

43rd ANNUAL FISHING COMPETITION

Quick Facts:

THE MAJOR BOAT PACKAGE PRIZE: All approved Registered Senior Men's and Ladies Competitors are entered in the lucky draw.

The Winner does not need to be present at the draw to win.

A Numbered Sapphire Marine & Automotive Unique ID Snap Tag will be allocated to all approved Registered Entrants. The small tag will be placed in the barrel for the Major Boat Prize draw.

Our Under Sixes category allows any child to catch and enter two legal sized fish in a category, will have a chance to win, under our lucky draw format.

All fish will be submitted as photographic entries (except for weigh in species)
Measure, Catch and Release (is encouraged)

Eligible recorded fish entries for all age sections and categories, once approved are entered into our data base and will be updated instantly on our Web Page and Club House Boards.



SPECIES CATEGORIES:

Dusky Flathead are measure and release.

Marlin. Are to be measured only using only a 'Form a Sign' Marlin Measure available to purchase only from EAFC

Jewfish and Kingfish: If their length is longer than the Official DPI Brag Mat allows, a tape measure can be used alongside the fish to show actual measurement.

Gummy Shark and Yellowfin Tuna in the Senior Sections are the only fish eligible under the weigh In Species.

Sponsors that are contributing towards any fish category will have their business logo and link displayed prominently digitally.

The EAFC will be presenting a generous donation on our Briefing Night Friday 5th March to Eden Marine Rescue

We will be at the following local Towns selling Online Entries, Merchandise, Monster Raffle Tickets.

Anyone that can assist please contact Eddy

Sat 6th Feb Mallacoota 8.30am-2.00pm

Sun 7th Feb Candelo Market 7.30am

Thurs 11th Feb TURA Woolworths-8.30am

Sat 13th Feb MERIMBULA Tackle World 8.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 20th Feb BOMBALA Market 7.30am

Thurs 25th Feb EDEN IGA 8.30am-4.00pm(approx.)

Fri 26th Feb EDEN IGA 8.30am-4.00pm(approx.)

THURS 4th March EDEN IGA Major Raffle Tickets ONLY 8.30am

Pre-Competition SMS Photo Request

It would be appreciated if any members could take a picture of their catch on a DPI Brag Mat and text to

0419 323 018 (Presidents Mobile)

This will enable us to test our program, that will be recording the species categories.

Monthly, Yearly - Heaviest Fish Club Records

Please be advised that any Member's that wish to submit their catch AFTER the competition as A Club Entry, they are required to notify our Weighmaster Gordon Rugg.

This will enable him to convert length to weight and complete an official weight docket and record as a Club entry.

