



# Newsletter

## May/June 2021

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Covid 19

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

May

Harriett Gillingham turned 8

Tori Ristanovic turned 8

Piper Gross turned 6



June

None To Celebrate

### In this edition:

President's Report

Farwell John Bowles

June Fish of The Month: Leather Jacket

May Fishing Report

Club Annual Membership's/Renewals Due

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### Monthly Events & Results:

FISH OF THE MONTH WINNERS

APRIL: SALMON. MAY: SNAPPER

YEARLY HEAVIEST FISH RESULTS

GENERAL MEETINGS: TBA

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### Dates to Remember:

Working Bee at Club Rooms:

Saturday June the 19<sup>th</sup>. 9am

End of Month Function Pasta Night

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>

**September AGM 2021**

**October Grudge Match (details to come)**

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Competition**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2022**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS

**FISH OF THE MONTH**

April Salmon

Men's: Gordon Rugg 2.500kg. Ladies: Jenny Rugg 2.000kg













Girls: Isabella Howlett 1.350kg. Boys NA

May Snapper

Men's: Bruce Mitchell 1.350kg. Ladies: Jenny Rugg .650kg

No Juniors

**FISH OF THE MONTH TARGETED SPECIES**

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

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

# JUNE 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	D.COCHRANE	1.730	K.JONES	1.047
FLATHEAD, TIGER	G.McMAHON	0.960	B.LEEDING	0.785
JEWFISH				
KINGFISH	T.CARSON	9.940	K.JONES	14.000
LATCHET GURNARD	T.CARSON	1.280	B.LEEDING	1.004
LEATHERJACKET	M.CARSON	1.455	T.HOWLETT	0.525
LUDERICK	G.RUGG	1.600	K.JONES	1.600
MACKEREL, SLIMY	G.McMAHON	0.530		
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	G.RUGG	2.500	K.JONES	2.167
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY			G.SEBLEY	7.700
SNAPPER	T.CARSON	2.715	K.JONES	3.950
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	T.CARSON	1.220	K.JONES	1.335
TUNA, STRIPED	G.McMAHON	4.892		
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	G.McMAHON	62.000		
SAND WHITING	G.RUGG	0.995	J.RUGG	0.705
SPECIES	BOYS	WEIGHT KG.	GIRLS	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	L.CARSON	1.150	E.CARSON	0.650
FLATHEAD, RIVER	F.CARSON	1.050		
FLATHEAD, SAND	L.CARSON	0.692	K.COCHRANE	0.546
FLATHEAD, TIGER	L.CARSON	0.480		
KINGFISH				
LEATHERJACKET	L.CARSON	0.280	K.COCHRANE	1.336
LUDERICK	L.CARSON	0.900		
MACKEREL, SLIMY	L.CARSON	0.109		
MORWONG, JACKASS	L.CARSON	0.734		
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	F.CARSON	2.796		
NANNYGAI	L.CARSON	1.046		
SALMON	L.CARSON	2.433	I.HOWLETT	1.350
SHARK, GAME	L.CARSON	13.500		
SHARK, GUMMY				
SNAPPER	L.CARSON	1.055		
SWEEP	L.CARSON	0.290		
TAILOR	L.CARSON	1.600	I.HOWLETT	0.450
TREVALLY	F.CARSON	0.500	I.HOWLETT	0.567
TROUT	F.CARSON	1.700		
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
SAND WHITING	L.CARSON	0.530	I.HOWLETT	0.430

PLEASE NOTE: WEIGHT DOCKETS ARE VALID FOR 2 MONTHS ONLY. WEIGHMASTER G.RUGG **NEW ENTRIES**

## LOCAL FISHING REPORT MAY:

Not hearing a lot of local fishing news from club members, perhaps some are touring around chasing King George Whiting, Barra and the like. However, the usual sources are about and report generally good fishing.

Flathead have been good on all grounds and although becoming harder to find, savvy Flatty fisho's are still coming home with their bag limits. Saltwater and Lennards have been mentioned but best reports are from Merimbula Bay off the Pambula River mouth and grounds further North.

There is currently a good Snapper bite going on with fish to the 4 kg mark recorded, Haycock, Lennards Island and North and South Heads are producing these. Mowies have gone a little quiet but are still around with some stonkers taken South of Mowarry point.

Kingfish have been elusive but some good fish have been landed and there are tackle busting monsters in the 20 kg range being encountered by some frustrated anglers. One real nice 1.4 meter specimen was landed at South Head by a visitor just a week or so ago while Kim Jones has set the bar at 14 kg to lead the ladies yearly comp.

Salmon are plentiful in the bay and off the beaches with some fish in the 3 to 4 kg range among them. There are good Taylor around as well with some fish up to the 80 cm mark recorded.

**Rivers and Lakes:** Hearing no reports from these but it is reasonable to assume that there is good fishing to be had as waters cleared after the March floods and fish returned to the systems. Southern Black Bream in particular are quite partial to a good fresh. Having said that the current rain event has the rivers running strongly again with negative implications for all types of fishing in the short term

**Fish of the Month :** The April Target fish was Salmon, Gordon and Jenny Rugg put in the effort to win the senior divisions. Isabella Howllett took out the girls section while sadly, not one boy put his hand up to claim the prize.

Your fish of the month for May is that favorite of many anglers the mighty Snapper and as previously mentioned there are some good ones out there to be caught at this time. If you are not a rusted on bait fisho why not give mini jigs a go, from all reports they are very effective.

**Late Mail May 24th :** Reports have surfaced that a nice run of Yellowfin Tuna has turned up on the shelf East of Eden. Local game fishers have landed quite a few fish up to 70 kg mark.

There is a massive school of Salmon hanging around the mouth of the Pambula River, there should be fun to be had from nearby beaches and the lower reaches of the river.

### **JUNE FISH OF THE MONTH - LEATHERJACKET**

**Characteristics** Several features set Leatherjackets apart from other fish species, these include: a small mouth with beak-like teeth, rough sometimes sandpaper like skin, small gill openings, and a single serrated spine on the top of the head that fits neatly into a groove. Most Leatherjackets are considered opportunistic feeders and readily feed on many different items including algae, crustaceans, molluscs, fish and polychaete worms. Are generally found under 1 kg in weight but some offshore



species can grow to 3 kg. There are more than 20 species of Leatherjackets found throughout NSW waters and, depending on the species, can be caught in estuarine, coastal and offshore waters to depths of 250 m or more. In estuarine waters these fish are often found around artificial structures such as pylons and wharfs or are found near seagrass beds e.g. Fan-belly, Six Spine and Rough Leatherjackets. In coastal and offshore areas they can be found on rocky reefs, sand/mud bottom or in sponge beds e.g. Six Spine, Yellow-finned, Black Reef, Velvet and Chinaman Leatherjackets.

## FAREWELL JOHN BOWLES.

John passed away on June 3<sup>rd</sup> this year at Moama, NSW having moved there to be nearer family members about 6 months ago. His wife Aileen pre-deceased him in 2017.

John and Aileen moved to the area about 30 years ago and after managing a caravan Park at Pambula for three years they purchased a unit in the Twofold Beach Caravan Park where they lived for the rest of their time in Eden.



John and Aileen both became highly involved in the Eden community, they joined the Eden Amateur Fishing Club around the year 1997 and were very active members until Aileen's passing in 2017. Aileen served as club treasurer for four terms between the years 1998 and 2004 and is remembered as always arrived at club functions with a contribution to the meal and an offer to assist with catering, selling raffle tickets or in any way that she could.

John could always be relied upon to turn up for working bees and both he and Aileen made valuable contributions to the March Fishing Competitions.

John and Aileen were both active members of the Eden Volunteer Coastal Patrol (now Marine Rescue) John for 15 years and Aileen for 10 years.

### E.A.F.C. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake 2016

John served as the Fishing Club's Search Master during these years and between them they amassed many hours of service to the safety of the boating community becoming familiar voices from the Coastal Patrol marine radios.

Both were involved in quite a few other organisations, Aileen filled the valuable role of volunteer librarian at the Killer Whale Museum for 20 years and was involved with the View Club filling the role of President for some years. John was a very active member of the ESSCI club from the foundation year filling a number of roles within the organisation and was also active as a member of the Men's Shed. Both were members of the Probus Club for a time.

John will be missed as is Aileen, they were salt of the earth people.

*Submitted by Bob Wilcox ( Life Member) with thanks to Jeff Swane.*

**END OF MONTH DINNER SATURDAY JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**Arrive 5.30pm.**

**PASTA NIGHT!!!  
AT THE CLUB HOUSE**

Reservations are essential. Please contact Eddy 0418 556 414 by no later than 22/6/21.





Greetings from the Whitsundays it's a hard life but I guess someone has to do it which is part of the reason that our regular monthly newsletters will be a bit spasmodic until our committee members that are travelling over the winter return to knuckle down to business.

No apologies for this it is a part of having older blood (some may say Dinosaurs) holding executive positions within our club that choose to try and balance the needs and future progression of our club and still maintain a personal social life.

I would also like to thank the remaining team and Committee that are carrying on with business at hand as I have mentioned below.

With the success of the competition more or less behind us it's time to start working towards next year and evaluate any changes we need to introduce and other ideas to value add to last year's success.

We did receive a feedback from our competitors particularly in regards to the combination of species and although I do believe we need to do away with the snapper/morwong and Nannygai (as indicated in my last report) as it did disadvantage the land based fishos our other combo's should remain perhaps with some minor tweaking as it did introduce fierce competition running down to the wire with the bream and whiting combo and gave the novice fishermen an opportunity to get in the lucky prize draw with the salmon and tailor combo.

There have also been suggestions to include Dolphin Fish as a target species and we already have someone keen to sponsor a men's and women's prize so this will be given careful consideration when considering the make-up of fish categories.

One of the more contentious suggestions is the return of Game Sharks and although I sympathise with those who like fishing for sharks to have sharks hanging on the gantry is not promoting catch and release and is not consistent with DPI Guidelines for running a fishing competition. We as a committee will need to consider if there are other options that would satisfy all entrants and community expectations if we were to include a shark category.

There will also be a change of the way some fish species are measured to make it easier on the officials who record the true length of each species. Last comp many entries did have lengths reduced due to some creative photography and some we disqualified but not without the angler first being notified.

With further improvements to our computerised fish registration program, it should make entries a lot easier for the angler and officials and I will soon be contacting our events partners to finalise these changes for next year's comp.

Even though many of the committee are away following the sun there has been a lot going on and thanks to Terry and Co. our club rooms are now covered with a very good security surveillance system, so hopefully this will deter future break-ins and or assist the Police in further prosecutions should break-ins occur. As a result of those break-ins, we have now replaced one of the roller doors and the main security door due to forced entry.

Eddie has done some further tidying up around the club and burning off and is preparing a list of further jobs needed for our next working bee in June and as always will be seeking volunteers.

Most of the building repairs have now been completed and we will soon be requesting our final payment from our grant funding to pay our builder for the works completed. On a not so good note, when installing the security camera's we have discovered more termite damage to the roof trusses and are waiting on another quote for those repair works which the club will more than likely have to fund. This is a perfect example why our club needs to be financially responsible with money in reserves for ongoing improvements and maintenance.

As always please email our Secretary ([secretaryeafc@inet.net.au](mailto:secretaryeafc@inet.net.au)) with any information or ideas (and fish pic's) that you have which our committee and members may be interested in.



## **CLUB HOUSE WORKING BEE (weather permitting) June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

A couple of whipper snippers would also assist. Definitely if everyone could bring a rake.

The clean up involves raking up all leaves & bark, removing all unwanted shrubbery in the car park area, removing the same where the container is, a major clean up on the west side of the building. All the tree stumps that just protrude 6 or 8 inches high cut down to ground height.

I "Eddy" will arrange a burn permit to dispose of all branches leaves etc.

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## **PLEASE BE ADVISED CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP'S & RENEWALS ARE DUE - 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2021.**

Forms available to download from our Web page or click on this link,

<https://www.edenfishingclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-22-membership-form-.pdf>

or contact any Committee Member.

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**2021 – 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL**

SUBSCRIPTION FEES (please tick relevant box)

Life Membership N/C		Family \$50	
Single \$30		Junior \$15 (up to 16 years)	

\*SURNAME: .....

\*FIRST NAME: .....M/F PARTNER:

.....M/F

\*CHILDREN (under 16 years please include date/s of birth)

.....DOB .../.../..... Male/Female

.....DOB .../.../..... Male/Female

.....DOB .../.../..... Male/Female

\*ADDRESS:

\*CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:.....

\*EMAIL ADDRESS (please print clearly).....

Would you like to save us printing and postage expenses by receiving your newsletter by E-mail? YES/NO

\*POSTAL ADDRESS: (if different from residential)

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\* (All fields required to be completed to enable EAFC to keep our records up to date)

NEW APPLICATION: Nominated by: .....

I agree to abide by the Model Rules of Incorporation.

Signed: ..... Date:.....

**PLEASE NOTE:** New members cannot weigh in fish for the Club In-house competitions until your financial Membership has been approved by the Committee.

**All subscriptions expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Fees payable to THE TREASURER, EDEN AMATEUR FISHING CLUB INC**

**BSB: 062-647 ACCOUNT NO: 1015-5866 REF: Surname as reference**

**Please circle pay method** Direct Debit Cash Cheque.

Completed forms and payment can be handed to any committee member emailed or posted to the above addresses.

The EAFC encourages that all boaters register with the Eden Marine Rescue and obtain their own SE Number:  
Channel 16 on VHF Channel 88 on 27MHz Call sign.

Phone: 02 6496 2167 Address: Rescue Station, Bramble Street EDEN NSW 2551

<https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/find-a-unit/#> or download the Marine Rescue app.