



Newsletter February 2022

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Bella Howlett turned 9 in January



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FISH OF THE MONTH WINNERS - JAN SLIMY MAKEREL

ALL SPECIES YEARLY WEIGHTS



**Need a place to hold a
Meeting, Function or an Event ? ? ?**

Our Club Rooms are available to Hire!!!

Large and Small Groups Provided For.

Catering Options Available

Enquiries to secretaryeafc@iinet.net.au

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FISH OF THE MONTH WINNERS

December Sand Whiting: Men's, T. Carson 0.490kg. Ladies T. Howlett 0.510kg.
Girls E Carson 0.475kg.

January- Slimy Mackerel: Ladies Gloria Sebley. 0.532Kg. Mens: Geoff McMahon 0.626Kg

EAFC LOCAL FISHING REPORT: January

Ocean flathead both sand and tiger are active along the 25 fathom mark between Turingal Head and Long Point as well as off Eden. Morwong are plentiful try close to the rocks off Long Point.

Deep dropping off Eden at depths of 450-500m has seen some lovely blue-eye trevalla and ling taken. Some large tiger flathead have been taken at 25 fathoms off Twofold Bay and also Tura Beach. Closer in at depths of 16-20 fathoms good sand flathead are being taken off Tura Headland and inside the Boyds Tower reef at Eden.

Some big snapper have been taken at Haycock and Hunter Rock together with morwong. Gummy shark are available at reef edges. Best baits are fresh slimy mackerel. Australian salmon are coming from the beaches; try Dolphin Cove, Tura Beach, Haycock and Aslings Beach.

Dusky Flathead are really on the chew in Merimbula Lake, taking everything from pilchards to soft plastics and hard body, try minnows. There is a report from the Kiah Inlet, south of Eden, that the "golden grail" has been achieved with a plus one metre dusky. Pambula Lake is fishing well. Although good catches of whiting are yet to come. There are lots of trevally, tailor and dusky Flathead on the chew. Try around the shark hole and the upper channel. Use pilchard baits, pumped nippers and soft plastics.

Fishing in the Bega River is improving. Best results reported from Mogareeka where large dusky flathead as well as trevally and tailor are on the chew.



FISH OF THE MONTH TARGETED SPECIES

September - Trevally



October - Bream



NOVEMBER - LUDERICK



DECEMBER - SAND WHITING



JANUARY - SLIMY MACKEREL



FEBRUARY - SANDFLATHEAD



MARCH KINGFISH Seniors



APRIL - SALMON



TAILOR Juniors



MAY - SNAPPER



JUNE - LEATHER JACKET



JULY - DRUMMER Snrs & Sweep Jnrs



AUGUST - MORWONG



E.A.F.C.I. YEARLY FISH WEIGHT JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2022

SPECIES	MEN	WEIGHT KG.	LADIES	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	G.RUGG	1.250	J.RUGG	1.300
DRUMMER				
FLATHEAD, RIVER	T.CARSON	3.350	D.CUMMINGS	3.050
FLATHEAD, SAND	G.McMAHON	1.120	K.JONES	0.706
FLATHEAD, TIGER	T.CARSON	0.900		
JEWFISH				
KINGFISH				
LATCHET GURNARD	G.McMAHON	1.164	G.SEBLEY	1.262
LEATHERJACKET	T.CARSON	1.392	T.HOWLETT	0.780
LUDERICK	G.RUGG	0.900	J.RUGG	0.975
MACKEREL, SLIMY	G.McMAHON	0.640	G.SEBLEY	0.532
MARLIN				
MORWONG, JACKASS	T.CARSON	1.000	K.JONES	0.710
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	T.CARSON	2.030	K.JONES	2.130
NANNYGAI	T.CARSON	1.036	J.RUGG	0.570
SALMON	T.CARSON	2.750	K.JONES	2.583
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY				
SNAPPER	T.CARSON	1.830	K.JONES	1.430
TAILOR	F.CARSON	2.050		
TREVALLY	T.CARSON	1.300	K.JONES	1.300
TROUT	T.CARSON	2.150	K.JONES	1.550
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
TUNA, YELLOWFIN				
TUNA, YELLOWFIN				
SAND WHITING	T.CARSON	0.490	J.RUGG	0.540
SPECIES	BOYS	WEIGHT KG.	GIRLS	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM			I.HOWLETT	0.550
FLATHEAD, RIVER				
FLATHEAD, SAND	L.CARSON	0.460		
FLATHEAD, TIGER				
KINGFISH				
LEATHERJACKET	L.CARSON	0.355		
LUDERICK				
MACKEREL, SLIMY	L.CARSON	0.310		
MORWONG, JACKASS				
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	L.CARSON	1.585		
NANNYGAI	L.CARSON	0.610		
SALMON				
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY				
SNAPPER	L.CARSON	1.305		
SWEEP				
TAILOR			I.HOWLETT	0.566
TREVALLY				
TROUT				
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
SAND WHITING			E.CARSON	0.475

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

WEIGHMASTER G.RUGG

NEW ENTRIES

FISH OF THE MONTH February



Sand Flathead

Every angler wants the big fish but the Flathead are always plentiful and can be a challenge for anglers to see who can catch the biggest. Flathead are native to Australia and are one of the most popular fish for anglers. They can weigh up to 10 kilograms and provide good eating.

Flathead are typically found near estuaries and headlands that are adjacent to river mouths. They have a preference for soft sand or muddy areas. You can find them sandbanks, near rocks and weeds where there is a drop-off.

Flathead are available all year round. There is no closed season for flathead. The peak seasons run from April to May and September to October.

Most anglers choose to make their own flathead rigs. Rig specifics get determined by the location, size of the target, size, and type of bait, and other considerations including ocean, wind and weather conditions. Remember, we're keeping things as simple as we can. Let's not overthink it; the flathead certainly don't.

Very simple rigs are always successful when targeting flathead.

Flathead are voracious predators that will attack anything that moves, or doesn't move, for that matter. They're a bit of a garbage gut and take just about anything. If it moves, however, as a lure does, they'll smash them.

The basic technique for both plastics and vibes are to allow the lure to hit the bottom then bounce it back across the bottom on the retrieve.

As good as artificial's are, natural bait is still dynamite for flatties. Mini yakkas, poddy mullet and prawns have to be three of the best, but then even the humble old pilchard still accounts for its fair share.

If you miss a strike, stop winding and just twitch the lure as though it has been wounded by the strike. To the fish this will appear natural - flathead are suckers for it, nearly always going in for the kill.

OUR CLUB GAS FIRED SPIT IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE



CONTACT EDDY FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Presidents Report February Rob Schroeder

It's great to see all the holiday makers returning to Eden over the Christmas and New Year enjoying our great location.

With a great effort from Terry Carson and Robert Ross and Shaun from the Bega Shire the new cleaning tables now installed at Quarantine Bay they have been put to good use with many fisho's heading out to catch a feed. Unfortunately, the wind has not been stable but those who have headed out early have been coming back with some good catches of flathead, snapper and other reef species. We are still in discussions with the Shire to improve the lighting over the cleaning tables and the necessary repairs to the floating pontoon.

Hopefully when we hold our 44th Mini Comp on the Victorian long weekend in March this will also attract more holiday makers to Eden and support our local businesses.

Pam and Val have been working tirelessly on planning this event and we are getting close to being prepared for what we hope will be another successful comp. You may have noticed that our signage for the comp is up around town and sponsorship emails have been sent and our regular sponsors are proving very supportive with all fish prizes covered.

Shane our event's organiser has made further upgrades to our computer program for all the fish entries. This year each entrant will have their a QR Code on their entry ID card which will automatically identify them and register their fish automatically.

Now that we are into the new year we will need to start and plan some trips away so that we can get together and socialise and share our fishing experiences. Given that most of our members are retired we may even plan some trips during the week once the holiday makers have thinned out and caravan parks become more accessible. I have had a request from some of our members to go back to Bemm River therefore a date in April has been set.

As you may have seen by our Facebook page there have been some great out of waters entries so I encourage other members to send in their fish photos when fishing outside our dedicated boundaries.

Currently our club has applied for further grants one to resurface the carparks and surrounds at our club and another to refurbish the outside toilets. We are extremely hopeful that we will successful which will make our venue more attractive to our members and potential users of our great facility.

To give you an example as to what's involved when applying and executing a successful grant we have only just finalised our Stronger Communities grant where we received \$69,000 for the repairs to our club rooms from white ant damage which commenced back in 2020 and along the way there was endless reporting and verification to complete the works required.

It has been discovered that white ants are still active close to our rooms and the termite bait stations active and are being visited by white ants. Finns Pest Control are treating this new infestation accordingly.

Once again, our book fair and car boot sale was a great success so many thanks for all those who volunteered to assist set up and helped out on the day. Although a lot of work is required setting up and packing books away it's certainly a profitable way of keep the club funds ticking along.

Prior to the book fair we also had a club working bee to tidy up around the rooms, mow the lawns and burn off where we have been clearing some of the undergrowth.

Our seafood dinner was another great success with over thirty old and new members and guests present, certainly no one left hungry with an assortment of seafood and sweets.

Prior to the sea food dinner I showed those interested a few simple rigs and knot tying and although I felt it was fairly basic stuff we should not under estimate what members would like to learn from each other.

Some of our members have expressed the need for more information sessions at our end of months dinners and I would also welcome a greater input from some of our more experienced anglers contributing to how and where they target fish species and what sounder techniques, they deploy so that we can all gain from their experience. I know that if it wasn't for Wayne Emmerson and the late Fritz Drenkhahn, I'd still be floundering around the ocean to try and find deep drop marks but with Wayne's help and guidance I have been lucky enough to have had some great catches of ocean perch, ling and blue eye. Thanks Wayne!

As a club we need to be more inclusive about sharing information and I will try and get a guest speaker to one of our dinners to impart their knowledge on targeting selected species such as gummy sharks, kingfish or snapper.

There will still be plenty of new ideas to be implemented and anyone who wishes to share their thoughts are most welcome.

Regards.

Rob Schroeder

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

A man was stopped by a fisheries officer recently with two buckets of fish leaving a lake well known for its fishing.

The officer asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?"

The man replied, "No, sir. These are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?!" the officer replied.

"Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take 'em home."

"That's a bunch of crap! Fish can't do that!" replied the officer in disbelief.

The man looked at the officer for a moment and then said, "Here, I'll show you. It really works."

"O.K. I've GOT to see this!".

The man poured the fish into the river and stood and waited...

After several minutes, the officer turned to the man and said, "Well?"

"Well, what?" the man responded.

"When are you going to call them back?" the officer prompted.

"Call who back?" the man asked.

"The FISH," the officer said sternly.

"What fish?" the man asked.



Friday April 1st to Sunday April 3rd 2022

BEMM RIVER Club Social Fishing Weekend

Fish from the bank or in a boat

<https://www.bemmriverriverhotel.com> Cabin Style 03 5158 4241

<https://www.bemmrivercaravanpark.com.au> 0428 557 438

<https://bemm-river-cottages.business.site> 0487 307 446

<http://www.bemmcosyaccom.com> 0488 672 260

Contact Rob Schroeder 0419 323 018 for more details

Please arrange your own Accommodation and remember there is no Fuel at Bemm River



MARCH IS OUR BUSIEST MONTH FOR THE CLUB

Valued local businesses have yet again showed their generosity to assist with sponsorship for the 44th 'Mini' Annual Fishing Competition.

If there is anyone that we have not yet been able to catch up with and would like to participate, please email or call Secretary Pam or Sponsorship Co-Ordinator Val.

We welcome any products, accommodation, meal or food vouchers to be included in our Monster Raffle Prizes drawn on the last day of the Competition.

The club will be raffling off a trailer load of wood, chopped split and ready to deliver to our winner, which will be drawn of the Competition Presentation Day Sunday March 13th



This is when the Committee extends their request for Members to assist. Not only is this our Major fundraiser for the year it is also the best time to socialise with the visiting entrants from other states.

The new Calendar of events for Feb to April has been created, so be sure to check the dates.

There is also an informative list of duties that are required for holding the Competition and any assistance would be extremely appreciated.

44th Annual “Mini” Fishing Competition 11th – 13th March 2022

Adults Section \$300 per Species

(Men’s & Ladies)

One x \$1000 CASH ADULT LUCKY DRAW PRIZE

Junior Section \$50 per Species

(Boys & Girls)

One x FISHING ROD & REEL COMBO JUNIOR LUCKY DRAW PRIZE

On Line Entries

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\$60 Family 2 Adults & 2 Children U/16

\$30.00 per Adult

\$5.00 per Junior

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: February - April

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Wed Feb 16th	Committee Meeting	Club house	3.00pm
Monday Feb 21st	ESCCI Dinner & Meeting	Club House	5.00m -
Friday Feb 25th	Competition Entries & Wood Raffle	IGA EDEN	8am-3pm
Saturday Feb 26th	Competition Entries & Wood Raffle	IGA EDEN	8am-3pm
Wed March 2nd	Committee Meeting	Club house	3.00pm
Friday March 4 th	Competition Entries & Wood Raffle	IGA EDEN	8am-3pm
Saturday March 5th	Competition Entries & Wood Raffle	IGA EDEN	8am-3pm
Saturday March 5th	WORKING BEE	Club House	9.00am
Wed March 9th	Competition Entries & Wood Raffle	IGA EDEN	8am-3pm
Wed March 9th	Set Up Rooms for Competition	Club House	10am-2pm
Thurs March 10th	Comp Sales & Entries	Club House	8.30am-
Friday March 11th	Competition Day	Club House	8.30am-
Saturday March 12th	Competition Day	Club House	8.30am-
Sunday March 13th	Competition & Presentation Day	Club House	8.30am-
Tuesday March 16th	Clean up Rooms Post Competition	Club House	9.30am
Monday March 21st	ESCCI Dinner & Meeting	Club House	5.00m -
Fri 1/4 - 3/4	Social Fishing Weekend	BEMM RIVER	TBA
Wed April 6th	Committee Meeting	Club House	3.00pm

Please note that any financial member can attend a Committee Meeting

Represents: Members Assistance Appreciated

Date: MARCH	Hours	Club House Competition Tasks
Saturday 5th	9.00am-1pm	Garden Mowing Maintenance, Pressure wash building and paths, de-cobweb etc Cleaning Rooms/Windows inside and out including bathrooms etc
Wednesday 9th	10am-2.00pm	Sort and Tag Major Raffle Prizes, Prepare Brag Mats, Stamp Raffle Books Set Up Merchandise
<p>A Committee member will be at the Club House between 7am-7pm on Thurs, Fri & Sat for any clarification of the Competition Rules & Regulations, Terms & Conditions.</p> <p>Co-Ordinator Contacts: <i>Fish Records Officer: Rob. Admin/Sales/Merchandise: Pam. Sponsorship: Val. Catering: Eddy. Grounds and Ramp Maintenance: Adam</i></p>		
Thursday 10th	Shifts AM 8.30am-12.30pm PM 12.30pm-4.30pm	Sales: Major Raffle Tickets, Merchandise Process Comp Entries and Enquiries
Friday 11th	Shifts AM 8.30am-12.30pm PM 12.30pm-4.30pm	Record Fish Catches & Update Results Board Sales: Major Raffle Tickets, Merchandise Process Comp Entries and Enquires
Saturday 12th	Shifts AM 8.30am-12.30pm PM 12.30pm-4.30pm	Record Fish Catches & Update Results Board Catering Preparation for Sun BBQ Lunch Sales: Major Raffle Tickets, Merchandise Process Comp Entries and Enquires Maintain Boat Ramp Facilities are clean
Sunday 13th	All Day 8am-4.00pm	Record Fish Catches & Update Results Board until 12 Noon Set Up Outdoor Chairs/BBQ, Rubbish Bins Maintain Boat Ramp Facilities are clean Prepare & Serve Lunch. Clean Up Kitchen Sales: Major Raffle Tickets till 1pm and Merchandise Prepare, Present Awards, Jnr & Snr Major Raffle Prizes Drawn & Issued \$1000 Lucky Draw
	Close	Pack Up Chairs/Rooms
	6.30pm Great Southern Inn Hotel	Committee and Volunteers Thank You Dinner

