



REDLAND BAY AMATEUR FISHING CLUB INC

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NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2012. Hoping everybody had a good rest and are keen to get stuck into the fishing now that Christmas is a distant memory.

The new management committee had our first meeting for the year and ironed out plenty of housekeeping. Our aim for this year is to have less day to day issues at meetings and more fishing stuff. While we are on the subject of the management committee, it is disappointing to see Ali as this year's club secretary. This is not because Ali does a bad job or I don't want to work with her, but more the fact that no one put their hand up. I again remind the members that at the end of this year I will not be eligible to run as president again. This means both President and Secretary will be vacant. To enable a smooth transition all members need to be thinking about this during the year. I would be a shame for the club to go backwards after all we've gained last year and the exciting things up and coming within the club. Personally I am looking forward to this year as president having a year under my belt. I might even find time for some fishing but I doubt it!

Good luck to all anglers this year be you inshore or offshore, artificial or real, maroon or blue. Keep safe, look after each other and above all enjoy your fishing.

Wal Nannes

SIGN ON DAY

With activity at the club house nearly every day in the week leading up to sign on day a small band of members gave the clubhouse some maintenance and a clean. Many thanks to Matt – Patching, Phil- Painting and Dylan-Cleaning. New social coordinator Gary was on hand to help with cleaning and organizing the kitchen and sign on day. Everyone ate well on the day and again many thanks Gary and Lisa.

Brett, Mark (see photo) and Wal had a couple of sessions on the new projector system which is now complete. We can now plug a laptop in and run whatever we want through the projector as was displayed on sign on day. On top of this we have a digital television box. This means we can watch television thorough the projector and yes Macca we can have a state of Origin night. Mark also hung the Sweet lip and some other items on the walls. Well done Boys! It was obvious at sign on day that nearly everyone was impressed with the effort put in by six or so members.



Sign on day itself was slow compared to last year. A week and half of rain didn't help. Also the small advert that appeared in the local paper was hard to find (if you didn't throw the paper away because it was wet that is). We did field several enquiries that will hopefully gain us a few good members. It was great to see a couple of old faces like Greeny, Bone and Joanne around.

ITINERARY, RULES ETC

The itinerary, rules, committee list, nomination forms are now available online at www.rbafc.org.au. Members who are “Mail only” should have copies enclosed. There are also copies available at the clubhouse.

THE FAMOUS SIGN

The sign saga continues with Mother Nature throwing everything at us. Our aim to have it up by sign on day went gurgling down the creek. Would the person who put the hoodoo on the sign kindly lift it?

BEACH TRIPS

After much agonizing at the itinerary meeting the dates for the three beach trips for 2012 were decided as follows;

16th to 18th March	Stradbroke Island Details TBA
27th to 29th July	Stradbroke Island Details TBA
13th to 16th September	Fraser Island Detail TBA

WILSON CHALLENGE 2011

Preliminary organising has commenced for this Year Wilson Challenge. Ken has put out the word to start chasing up sponsors. If we can match last year’s response we are well on our way. All members are asked to try to dig up one sponsor each and obtain their contact details.

This could very well be our last ever June event with the Queen’s Birthday being moved to October. This presents a whole new set of challenges to be addressed. First things first though. Ken will be at our next general meeting so please be there.

FUNDING GRANTS

As announced at 2011’s last meeting our application to Redland City Council for funding for our building as been approved. This equates to be massive \$35,000 to be used on the building within 12 months. The money has already been paid to the club and George T has tucked it away to earn some nice interest until it’s needed.

On top of this we have 4 more shots at another \$35,000 through other funds. Now that Wal has pried the grants door open it looks likely that we will be able to obtain solar panels, 1.5kw inverter, 315 litre solar hot water heater at no charge to the club within the next 6 months and couple of lighting poles, ice machine within around 12 to 18 months. All at no outlay to the club! Stay tuned.

MORETON BAY CHARTERS

You could have heard a pin drop at our last meeting when Sean Conlon of Moreton Bay Charters gave us his fishing report. Sean runs this local inshore charter boat and is always on the bay. All members, especially new members, would benefit hiring Sean for a day. Many thanks Sean for your informative report.



Wal, Councillor Barbara Townsend, Mayor Melva Hobson

BUILDING EXTENSION

Between Christmas and the rain, work hasn't commenced on the building extension as yet. Bill Scurry, a local earthworks contractor and former club member is waiting for appropriate weather conditions to cut the building pad and fill and compact it to a suitable level. The next step will be to hire a piling contractor to drive the six, telephone pole length piles as required. The aim will be at worst case that the slab is completed and some ground restoration before the 2012 Wilson Challenge.

RAFFLES

The raffle schedule for the Redland Bay Hotel is out for 2012. We ask that all members consider doing one raffle each this year to ease the burden. Also we have had complaints about members not turning up after putting down their names. As with all volunteering, if you commit and then can't make it please tell someone or arrange someone else to fill in. Its only common courtesy.

DRIVEWAY PROBLEM

Many thanks to Barbara Townsend and Nigel Carroll of Redland City Council for their prompt response to our entry problem. This type of support from council is invaluable. Without getting political before the upcoming council election, Barbara has been a long time supporter of our club and has delivered for the club when asked.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

We are again calling all members to send in their photos and videos of 2012 – After the fantastic PowerPoint presentation at trophy night put together by Liz, we would like to make it bigger and better this year.

UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 4th or 5th February Offshore Trip 1
- 3pm 14th February to 11am 15th February Inshore Overnight Trip- species Mangrove & Jack, backup Whiting
- 11th or 12th February Offshore Trip 1 backup days
- 16th February General Meeting
- 5pm 24th February to 11am 25th February Inshore Overnight Trip- species Sweet Lip/Bream

COMPETITION STARTS

Both our inshore and offshore sections kick off this weekend. It is very important to follow correct logging on procedures as outlined in both sets of rules. Complaints were tabled at December's meeting regarding competitors not nominating for an upcoming trip before the Thursday night cut off time. As a result members are turning up willy nilly to weigh in. If you are fishing an inshore trip, you must nominate with Wayne McDermid before the Thursday night prior to the trip. You must also log on and off with the club captain, Ernie, when you enter and leave the water.

Wayne McDermid: 0401 194 382

Ernie Richards: 0412 872 982

It was decided at the meeting that these rules will be strictly enforced so please don't be the one to get caught out.

Similarly offshore rules state "No Reply No Fish" with regards to logging on. All competitors should re read the fishing rules to refresh their memory.

Good Luck to All!!!

*Thanks for help and contributions to the newsletter - **any photos** , news, jokes, for sale items etc please forward to Liz at 14lizb@gmail.com*