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News and information

Our next trip is to Eden. This event will be followed by Dartmouth in April along with the AGM. On the AGM, can I get an indication of those attending please as the section will be catering for the supper due to COVID restrictions on such gatherings at the mother club.

Those wishing to attend Dartmouth will need to ring and book their accommodation, most stay at the motel. The phone number is on the last page.

COVID struck again for our last scheduled event and whilst it may have been close for us to go, the restrictions on gatherings would still have prevented us from gathering for the evening meal.

Whilst there is not a large number of members able to make Eden this year there is still a good crowd going and hopefully we will avoid any COVID situations and all have a good time.

Hopefully the fish are on the chew. For those attending the rules for the event are on page two.

I along with other members have been very successful on the redfin in the last few weeks, it is good to see them back and on the bite and in numbers. If you can weed your way through the smaller ones there are some reasonable fish to be had. One member bought around 80 home all around the 26-36cm mark. Another member and a friend caught 16kg of undressed fish. When cleaned, ended up with over 2kg of fillets. Ironically nearly all the fish I have caught have been in 70 odd feet of water. Most productive method for me has been to slow roll 2cm curly tailed soft plastics, both white and pumpkin seed have been working well. I drop them to the bottom and slowly retrieve them, stopping as soon as I feel a hit, they then attack the plastic and just gently lift against the bite. They do not seem to be very aggressive but all fish are in good condition. The bigger fish are all coughing up small reddie around the two to three inch long mark. Others have been using worms and prawns whilst another has been using yabbies for bait and blades and soft plastics in the lure department. I personally have not caught many on the troll whereby another member has had great success on the troll.

Happy birthday to the following member/members: A Kent, L Willis

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Memberships for 2021/22 are due on or before the AGM this year, please pay promptly.

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Calendar 2020-2021

26-29 Mar 21	Eden
16-18 Apr 21	Dartmouth
23 Apr 21	AGM
7-9 May 21	Eucumbene
20 June 21	Lake Hume, Dinner at club)
July	Interclub Dartmouth

Rules for Eden

Only fish in the 2021-22 NSW Salt water rules book will be eligible for weighing. The only exceptions are Gummy sharks and Wrasse which do not appear in the current book.

All fish presented for weighing that do not have a size limit in the above rules book must be 30cm or longer. There is no size limit for Gummy sharks in NSW but only Gummies over 50cm from rear gill to tail chordal will be accepted for measurement. Only school sharks have a size limit in NSW and that is 91cm. Sharks in NSW are measured the same as other finned fish, from nose to tip of tail. Fish with a minimum size limit in the above rules book are required to meet that size limit. Fish are to be whole and will only be measured for length, not weight. Fish may be minus gut and gill if you wish, or whole, for measuring.

Fish considered not being of table quality, e.g., Wirrah (old boot or pepper or peppermint cod), Sergeant Baker, bait fish etc. will not be weighed. If you want to keep these feel free, I would not recommend keeping the Wirrah.

You only need to weigh your best fish of each species. Points will be awarded for each fish with the best receiving 9 points, the second best 8 points etc. All fish weighed will receive points.

Weigh-in times will be advised at the Friday night welcome function.

Prizes for overall champion in male and female, adults and juniors only will be awarded. Overall champions will be determined on the total number of points amassed by an angler. Prizes may be awarded for outstanding fish at the committees discretion.

All members are reminded that bag and possession limits apply to most species. It is the member's responsibility to abide by the bag and possession limits.

Changes to recreational fishing rules for yabby traps and blue swimmer crabs

Changes to recreational fishing rules will come into effect on 30 April 2021 relating to the blue swimmer crab size limit and the use of 'opera house' style yabby traps.

The size limit of blue swimmer crabs will increase from 6 cm to 6.5 cm to help assist with protecting spawning crabs and to improve the productivity of the stock through time. It will also provide consistency between the recreational and commercial fishing sectors.

The use of 'opera house' style yabby traps by recreational fishers will also be prohibited as this gear type poses a risk to air breathing animals such as platypus, water rats and turtles, which can inadvertently get caught in traps.

In 2003, 'opera house' style yabby traps were prohibited in areas where platypus are mostly found; those waters east of the Newell Highway and in some stretches of the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers west of the Newell Highway. This rule change will prohibit the use of these traps in the remaining waters of NSW.

Recreational fishers are currently able to use open style pyramid lift nets to target yabbies in all inland waters where hoop nets are permitted. Pyramid lift nets are a more environmentally friendly gear option.

DPI will commence an advisory program to advise about the upcoming rule changes. This will include a giveaway program involving the distribution of pyramid lift nets to help transition anglers to these new nets. 5000 pyramid nets will be distributed by inland Recreational Fishing Education Officers and Fishcare Volunteers at promotional events, field advisory and fishing competitions, via DPI Fisheries Officers during their patrol duties and social media campaigns. The nets were funded by fishing licence money from the Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust.

DPI Fisheries will also be consulting with the commercial yabby sector about the adoption of new trap designs in waters where opera house traps are used, to ensure ongoing protection for native species.

To assist with the yabby trap transition, the Department of Primary Industries is giving away 5,000 open-top nets. To obtain a free open-top yabby net, please phone (02) 6051 7760 (Monday to Friday). You can also collect one from these locations:

- Tamworth Agricultural Institute, 4 Marsden Park Road, Calala Hours, 8.00 am - 4.00pm
- Trangie Agricultural Research Centre, 7878 Mitchell Highway Trangie, 8.00 am - 4.00pm
- Narrabri- Australian Cotton Research Institute, 21888 Kamilaroi Highway, Narrabri 8.30am - 4.30pm
- Narrandera Fisheries Centre- John Lake Centre, 70 Buckingbong Rd, Gillenbah 9am - 2pm

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For Sale

The fishing section is offering these jackets, jumpers and shirts for sale. The items will be purchased by the section on an order basis only. The jackets will cost \$55.00 each, jumpers \$30.00 each and the shirts \$25.00 each.

There is also, now hats and bennies for sale. If you are interested please contact Jeff McEachern on 60242473.

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