

The Catch

April 2018



From the president

Everyone agrees-it was a great experience at the hall on Easter Saturday night. The Easter Bunny was an instant hit with our little (plus a few big) people and he had plenty of Easter eggs to give away. Thanks go out to our volunteers who made it such a happy night. Both bar and kitchen were near records which kept the volunteers very busy. It was good to see quite a few visitors in attendance and already some new memberships are starting to flow in.

The karaoke singers kept us entertained. Locals like Laurie Korn and Sianne and Tracy Braby were of their usual high standard, but it was little Taylah Griggs who sang the Dixie Chick's song "Travelin' Soldier" who took home the prize. Taylah has inherited some of the musical talents of grandparents Doris and Stephen Griggs. She knows the words of "Travelin' Soldier" off by heart. Amazing!

The club's committee agrees that fish restocking is something that every fishing club should do. For that reason our club has purchased and released barramundi fingerlings into the fresh water of the Giru weir almost every year. This year we spent \$1000 and we were supported by the N.Q. Dry Tropics who also put in \$1000.

There have been minimal flows in the Haughton River since 2011 but recently the river experienced a strong flood. This has resulted in three of the club's tagged barramundi being recaptured in waters below the Giru weir wall in the last few weeks. These fish were 300mm long when released in September 2015. Their recapture sizes ranged from 640mm to 780mm.

All three fish were again released by the person who caught them. The angler was not a club member. So, some of our fish are in the river right now.

Our new cold room has been fine tuned and a few minor changes were made by Van Eerde technicians last week. The club's power bill was about \$150 less this time.

The new compressor is smaller and more efficient, so hopefully the new cold room will continue to be cheaper to run. The temperature range is currently set at -1.5° to $+0.5^{\circ}$.

Glenda

Floods wash tag barra from hiding

Recent wet weather saw record breaking flood in the Haughton River. Inches of rain in February and March cracked the 2011 flood levels of 3.09m by 0.01m.

The rain fall not only saw those in Townsville, who were awaiting the much needed rain fall to fill the Ross Dam, celebrating. It also saw the barra jumping the Giru Weir.

One lucky angler had a bit of a session, scoring a few barra. Three of which were tagged as part of the annual tagged barra release that the Cungulla Recreational Fishing and Social Club takes part in every year. Their recapture sizes ranged from 640mm to 780mm.

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Tag and Recapture Certificate

This certificate is awarded for the contribution to our knowledge of fish in Australia to

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TAG DETAILS:

| Tag No. | Species | Tagger | Date | Total Length | Fork Length | Tag Location | Map | Grid |
|---------|------------|--------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----|------|
| T31028 | BARRAMUNDI | FQ NFC | 3/11/2009 | 455 | | GIRU WEIR | BGB | E38 |

RECAPTURE DETAILS:

| Recap No. | Angler | Date | Days Out | Total Length | Growth | Fork Length | Growth | Recapture Location | Map | Grid | Movement | Released |
|-----------|----------|------------|----------|--------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------------------|-----|------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | WALLER B | 30/03/2018 | 3089 | 710 | 255 | | | BELOW GIRU WEIR | BGB | E42 | 4KM DOWN RIVER | Yes |

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| V15450 | BARRAMUNDI | CUNGULLA FC | 9/02/2013 | 300 | | GIRU WEIR | BGB | E42 |

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|-----------|----------|------------|----------|--------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------------------|-----|------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1 | WALLER B | 30/03/2018 | 1875 | 780 | 480 | | | BELOW GIRU WEIR | BRG | E42 | 1KM DOWN RIVER OVER WEIR | Yes |

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2018 Cungulla Recreational Fishing and Social Club memberships are due
May 31

February and March Estuary Competition Wrap Up

February:

In February we had 22 fish and 15 mudcrabs come in to be weighed. The largest mudcrab was Bill Heath's at 1.34kg and Marcus McCloskey at 1.27, as a total the crabs weighed came to 16.85kg. There was not much between first and second in the men's with Troy Kirkwood coming first on 480 points 2 fingermark and 2 grunter. Bodie Schofield was second on 475 points with a mangrove jack, 2 black bream, a sea bream and grunter. The Ladies were first Liz Kirkwood

with 200 points on 2 grunter and Liza Cook 184 points with a cod and a grunter. The Junior competition had Jayden Stewart on 176 points with also 2 grunter and BJ Weber with a queenfish and 91 points. The minor junior was won by Harrison McCloskey with a flathead and 2 whiting and 229 points. Freddie James had a black bream and 68 points.

March:

This competition was held on 10th and 11th March. There were 6 competitors in the Men's this month with

Troy Kirkwood first with 341 points and Glenn Schofield was second on 305 point.

Women's Liz Kirkwood first on 291 points and Liza Cook on 136 points. One Minor Junior, Harrison McCloskey weighed a 61cm flathead and 30cm black bream with 165.5 points. Quite a few barramundi and mangrove jack were caught in this competition. 11 crabs were also weighed in with Marcus McCloskey first with a 1.36kg crab. Second was Bill Heath with a 1.23 kg crab.



Barramundi Competition

On February 10th and 11th saw 7 Barramundi weighed in. The largest were Paul Bruce and Harrison McCloskey whose fish were 680mm long. After the random draw took place Paul Bruce came first, Jeff Scott was second and Marcus McCloskey came third.



May Fishing Competition Details

Estuary Competition: May 12-13

Target Species: Spotted Grunter

Blue Water Competition: Nominated Days

Target Species: Nannygai (small/large)

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On the Menu at the Club

April 27 Burgers

May 18

Fish, Chips & Salad

May 4 PIZZA NIGHT

May 25

Curry Night

May 11 Pasta night

Come down to the club Friday nights and enjoy a meal and drinks with the Cungulla crowd.



Recipe of the Month- Sweet Chilli Crab Cakes

Contributed by Glenda

INGREDIENTS

340grams of cooked crab meat
2 med potatoes (grated)
2 medium carrots (grated)
2tbsp peanut oil
1/3 cup sweet chilli sauce

4 spring onions (finely chopped)

130g of creamed corn

1 tbsp coriander

2 eggs (beaten)

1tbsp lime juice

1/4 cup of plain flour

spring onion curls and lime wedges to garnish

METHOD

Combine crab meat, potatoes, carrots, spring onion, corn, coriander, eggs, juice and flour into a bowl and mix well. Heat oil in a pan and drop 1/4 cupfuls of mixture into the pan, cook both side until browned. Repeat with remaining mixture. Serve with sweet chilli sauce and garnish with onion curls and lime wedges.

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