



**SEAFOOD NIGHT**  
**Saturday 31 January**  
**\$10 per head**

**Commences 5:30pm**  
**Booking with Gwen is essential**

**Working Bee in preparation for the**  
**annual fishing competition**  
**Saturday 28 February**

**DECEMBER**



Fish of the month – WHITING

Committee meeting - Thursday  
4th at 6pm

6th December –Christmas Party  
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Book for this!

**JANUARY**



Fish of the month – SLIMY  
MACKEREL

Committee meeting – Thursday  
8th at 6pm

Event – Saturday 31st Seafood  
Night. 5.30 pm start. \$10 per  
head.  
Children free, Bookings  
essential. Girl's night off!! Men  
cooking and cleaning

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Please note that members are welcome to attend committee  
meetings as observers.

**CLUB CATERING**

The wonderful volunteers who cater for club dinners and BBQs try  
valiantly to provide food enough for everyone.  
Please help them out by advising beforehand that you are attending.  
Phone Gwen on 02 6496 2134.

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## FISH WEIGHT COMPETITIONS

If you are a member and "have caught the big one" have it weighed! The club has competitions running throughout the year. To enter the competitions, weigh tickets must be presented to the Weigh master.

Our major competition is for the **Heaviest Fish**. The weight of the heaviest fish in a nominated list of species is recorded for the period from 1 July to 30 June. There are four categories in this competition: Men, Ladies, Boys and Girls. The angler who catches the heaviest fish in a species in each category during the year receives a trophy at our presentation night.

The angler from any category who catches the largest number of heaviest fish is awarded the **Club Champion** trophy.

Also from within this competition, one fish is selected by the committee in each of the categories (Men, Ladies, Boys and Girls) each year for the **Most Meritorious Fish** award.

The second competition is our **Fish of the Month** competition. This competition has three categories, Men, Ladies and Juniors. At the beginning of the year, a nominated species of fish is chosen for each month as the Fish of the Month. The list is published in the Newsletter and on the Website. In any month, the angler submitting a weigh ticket for the heaviest nominated fish in a category is awarded a cash prize.

The angler with the heaviest fish is also awarded 3 points, the angler with the next heaviest fish receives 2 points, and all anglers submitting a weigh ticket for the species of the month receive 1 point. Points are tallied throughout the year and an **All Rounder Award** is presented to the angler scoring the highest number of points by the end of the year, for Seniors (from Men and Ladies) and for Juniors (from Boys and Girls).

EAFC weigh stations include:

- Eden Amateur Fishing Club Inc clubhouse at Quarantine Bay, Eden.
- Eden Outdoor and Marine - in the main shopping centre in Eden.
- Matildas Shop n Go - at the top of the hill as you head south out of Eden.
- Kiah General Store - on the highway 12 minutes drive south of Eden.
- Wonboyn General Store - 33kms south of Eden in the beautiful village of Wonboyn.
- Shell Bait & Fuel Service Station - Betka Road, Mallacoota, Victoria.
- Alpine Angler - Snowy Mountains Highway, Cooma.

It is the responsibility of every angler to make sure their fish receipt is correct when weigh in occurs.  
All weighdockets are valid for two months only.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## President's Report December 2014

Greetings once again everyone,

Its Christmas Party time again and ours is over for another year. Thanks to our head caterer Gwen, her wonderful helpers, those who contributed salads and sweets and the two fine men who cooked the meat. Around fifty members sat down to an excellent traditional style Christmas dinner. The sweets to finish with were just delightful.

**Christmas Hamper:** A late flurry of contributions saw the hamper develop into a substantial pile of goods and the lucky winner was Emma Inge, a win that will see the Inge family Christmas shopping effort substantially reduced.

**Fish of the Month results:** The presentation for October saw April Paterson get away with the Junior October Bream prize unchallenged, with a nice 1.035 kg specimen. The senior sections prizes were snatched up by Jenny and Gordon Rugg with a pair of good Bream of 1.350 and 1.375 kg respectively. No surprise there.

**November** was Luderick month and surprisingly the junior prize went unclaimed.

Pat Emmerson won the ladies section, much to her surprise as she almost didn't bother to weigh her little 0.462 kg fish. It goes to show, if you are in it you have a chance to win it!

The gents section was more hotly contested and it was Terry Mitchell who not really known as a Luderick fisherman, set out to give Gordon a run for the money. He was successful too, topping Gordon's 0.800 kg effort with a fish of 1.050 kg. Gordon could be considered a little unlucky though as he had picked up a 1.270 kg Luderick in the wrong month, that's fishing though and he takes the lead in the yearly comp.

Congratulations all of the winners, to the rest of you, try harder in future.

**December FOTM:** This is the wily little Whiting, plenty of them around in the estuaries before the rain but they could be harder to find now.

**January FOTM :** The new year is almost here so get geared up for the mighty Slimy Mackerel, the winners to be announced along with the December Whiting at the Seafood Night on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Tuross Head Visit:** A couple of weeks earlier, members from the Tuross Head club came to town for a weekend of fishing and fun. Twenty six visitors and a much larger than expected roll up of our members saw a massive field of 65 anglers contest the mini-comp. The winners were team Drop Bear, members were Tash Jones and Jane Stevens from Tuross and Emma Tan, Dave Inge and Michael Lucas from Eden. The latter was to catch many more undersized and rubbish fish than any other angler for a terrible score of minus 22 points.

This in the end secured the win for his team when a twist saw negative points changed to positive points therefore steeling the win from the best performed team on the day, the members of which who would rightly have felt gutted by this turn of events. It was a big couple of days and a big ask for a small group of workers, we will try do better next time.

**New members:** The committee wishes to welcome Brian and Maria Ridley and Gavin and Maureen Duffy into the club, we hope to see you at a function soon.

**Life Membership procedures:** EAFC has formulated a procedure, guidelines and criteria to be followed in nominating a member for Life Membership. To date the existence of this document has not been well publicised but it is available through contacting a member of the committee. This is the first step in putting forward a nomination and is to be followed by a written submission addressing the requirements of the document. A form to assist in this is available.

**Fishing report:** The Kingfish are having a bit of a go occasionally but you will probably have to discard a lot of rats before boating a keeper. Terry Carson has set the bar at a reasonable height in the yearly comp with his good 12.230 kg Kingie. A few Yellowfin have been landed out around the shelf but ocean fishing is still generally quiet. Bag limits of flathead are being filled occasionally but remember that under the new rules this is only ten fish per person. Only a few reef fish have been spotted on the cleaning tables. On the other hand the estuaries and lakes are fishing well with good catches of Bream, Whiting and Luderick reported.

A few Duskie have been caught as well and the beaches are producing some big salmon.

The above was the case before the recent heavy rains which will certainly have some detrimental effects in the short term but we should see some benefits as the mud settles.

**Shed Extensions:** In news just received, we have been successful in receiving State Government funding to the tune of \$5,000 for the roof extension. Fritz prepared the submission so well done and thank you Fritz. We will proceed with this work as soon as council approval is received.

This is the last report for the year 2014, it has been another good one for the club. The outstanding success of the March competition was definitely a highlight but it was the continued strong support for all activities by you, the members that gave the most satisfaction.

The committee thanks you for that support and wishes you all the best for the festive season and we look forward to seeing all in 2015.

Cheers & Happy Fishing, **BOBNALONG**



Happy faces at the recent Christmas Party. The clubhouse was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

# CATCH AND RELEASE COMPETITION

## Catch and Release for Bream

### Rules of the Catch and Release Bream Challenge:

Bream of either the Yellowfin or Southern Black species are to be measured on a NSW DPI brag mat and photographed to clearly show the total length of the fish from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail and the date and time that the fish was photographed.

A printed photo must then be presented to the weigh master who will record the length to the nearest millimetre and the date of capture and will issue a receipt showing these details. The onus is always on the member to provide clear proof of their catch.

There is only one category for all members, male or female, senior or junior in this competition. The current competition leader will be printed in the newsletter and a trophy or a perpetual shield will be presented at the AGM.

**Short description of the competition:** The longest catch and release Bream caught for the year wins the prize, one category only for all members, all Bream are treated as the one species. In the event that fish of the same length are caught, as in all of our competitions, the fish first on the board is the one to beat.

Large Bream are magnificent looking creatures and many anglers, including myself, prefer to release them. This competition will allow anglers to do that and still have their achievement recognized. No other competition is changed in any way so this one will not impact at all on those who wish to keep their catch. The club does encourage sustainable fishing practices, including catch and release, and it's to be hoped that this competition is embraced in the intended spirit and all fish entered are released unharmed.

## Our annual Christmas event for 2014

The discussion was who's going and who's not. That was the main question leading up to our annual Christmas event. The numbers were slowly coming into Gwen for our night of nights. The count grew to around the 70 mark attending but unfortunately about 14 members missed out on a great night as they never turned up for whatever their reasons. By 4.30pm the kitchen was in full flight. Gwen was in charge giving directions of what was needed to be done. Wayne Holding did a fine job of dissecting the chickens while Bob along with a few others showed off their knife skills in cutting up the pork and hams. Food continued to arrive from the members and before long the main serving bench was to capacity and those sweets, well they were to die for and we probably will over time as those ladies excelled themselves with their Christmas recipes. Well done ladies.

The night progressed as all tucked into their meal with quite a few I noticed going back for seconds. There was plenty of talk at the tables as everyone enjoyed their meal and you could barely move when sweets were called. It was every man, woman and child for themselves as the plates were filled to capacity and again with many back for seconds. The Christmas raffle was drawn and the lucky and well deserved recipient was our own Emma Inge. Well done Emma and I'm sure all those goods will come handy over Christmas.

The night went over well with the FOM results hotly contested. Our president thanked all concerned for the great night and may I also say a huge thankyou to all the wives that continually donate their time in making dishes for all our occasions at the club. Thank you to the members that donate their time at the working bees, and to the members that assist in a general clean up after each function because without your assistance it would place extra work loads for other members. Finally thank you to our President as the club must have someone that gives 110% and Bob does and more at times and of course his supportive wife Ann for assistance she gives to Bob and the club. Last but not least our committee, they give their time and energy to help make this club what it is today and even though we are not always in agreement it's the end result that harmonises our club. Members may not always agree with our decisions but we do it with the best intentions for the club.

On be-half of the EAFC committee we wish you each with your families a peaceful transition into 2015 and extend the season's greetings to each and every one of you.

Greetings from Eddy Evans, Publicity Officer & Vice President

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# E.A.F.C. INC. FISH WEIGHTS 2014 - 2015

**To November 2014**

SPECIES	MEN	WEIGHT KG.	LADIES	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	G.RUGG	1.655	J.RUGG	1.350
DRUMMER	R.LEEDING	3.025	B.LEEDING	3.570
FLATHEAD, RIVER	D.WHELAN	1.152	A.PATERSON	0.700
FLATHEAD, SAND	T.MITCHELL	1.635	P.SAMMUT	0.736
FLATHEAD, TIGER	F.DRENKHAHN	2.682	J.RUGG	1.784
JEWFISH				
KINGFISH	T.CARSON	12.230		
LATCHET GURNARD	F.DRENKHAHN	1.126		
LEATHERJACKET	B.WILCOX	1.318	P.SAMMUT	1.252
LUDEKICK	G.RUGG	1.270	J.RUGG	0.770
MACKEREL, SLIMY	T.MITCHELL	0.705	D.CUMMINGS	0.140
MARLIN				
MORWONG, JACKASS	T.MITCHELL	1.295		
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	K.NEATH	3.428		
NANNYGAI	G.MCMAHON	1.446	P.EMMERSON	0.504
SALMON	F.DRENKHAHN	0.224	B.LEEDING	1.515
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY	P.VDWATERBEEMD	4.332	P.EMMERSON	2.396
SNAPPER	T.CARSON	2.220	A.PATERSON	0.635
TAILOR	T.CARSON	3.675	J.RUGG	1.545
TREVALLY	P.RUGG	2.105	A.WILCOX	1.094
TROUT				
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	S.PENTIN	47.500		
WHITING	T.CARSON	0.680		

	BOYS	WEIGHT KG.	GIRLS	WEIGHT KG.
BREAM	H.WALKER	0.495	AM.PATERSON	1.035
FLATHEAD, RIVER				
FLATHEAD SAND	N.MASHADO	0.432	E.INGE	0.585
FLATHEAD, TIGER			AM.PATERSON	0.475
KINGFISH				
LEATHERJACKET			AM.PATERSON	0.342
LUDEKICK	L.SMITH	0.815	AM.PATERSON	0.090
MACKEREL, SLIMY				
MORWONG, JACKASS				
MORWONG, RUBBERLIP	N.MASHADO	1.230	AM.PATERSON	1.130
NANNYGAI	N.MASHADO	0.316	AM.PATERSON	0.326
SALMON				
SHARK, GAME				
SHARK, GUMMY				
SNAPPER				
SWEEP				
TAILOR	J.COCHRANE	0.560	AM.PATERSON	0.198
TREVALLY	D.ANDERSON	0.400	AM.PATERSON	0.445
TROUT				
TUNA, BONITO				
TUNA, STRIPED				
WHITING				

PLEASE NOTE: WEIGHDOCKETS ARE VALID FOR 2 MONTHS ONLY.

WEIGHMASTER Rod Paterson

