

2021 Tin Can Bay Fishing Club News

January - February 2021.

With the support provided by a Funding Grant obtained from the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club will be organising 3 events that will take place during March 2021 and April 2021.

Seniors Fishing Training Day	Scheduled	Sunday 14TH March 2021
Boating Safety Course	Scheduled	Sunday 28th March 2021
Junior Fishing Day	Scheduled	Saturday 17th April 2021

These 3 events are all complimentary and free to all participants. Unfortunately, due to QLD Health and Covid 19 requirements, numbers will be strictly limited.

Gympie Regional Council Mayor Visits the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club.

Tin Can Bay Fishing Club committee and members, who are always grateful for the funding and assistance provided by the Gympie Regional Council extended an invitation to the Mayor, Glen Hartwig for a social visit and tour of their facilities.

The funding has come from a number of successful grants via the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, the Federal Government Community Development Grant and the Gympie Regional Council. The funding has been used to create facilities that are available to be shared with other community groups and to assist the community in the event of a disaster impacting our region.



The latest addition to assist with COVID and QLD Health regulations will be a parkland shelter, this structure will be utilised for outdoor activities, training courses, club socials and hosting visitors to our region.

The thought process behind this structure is that in the event of a disaster, this facility will be used to prepare meals for the community and to keep them COVID safe. By having an outdoor BBQ and meal preparation area, it will assist our community members to maintain their social distancing. The shelter will be started within the next three weeks and should be completed by early April 2021.

Mayor Hartwig couldn't help but be impressed by all that had been achieved by the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club and even requested that he bring certain members of council to view the premises to showcase what can be done by helping groups within the community. "It is your money after all" said Mayor Hartwig "You as an electorate have just entrusted us to

administer it, who better than the community to know where the funds are needed the most”.

Mayor Hartwig spent time talking with members and addressing questions and concerns that they had regarding council issues. After a lovely morning tea presented by the ladies of the TCB fishing club, he was off to his next appointment in the area leaving all that attended proud of our Cooloola Coast community.

April - May 2021

The Tin Can Bay Fishing Club have recently hosted 3 successful training day events which were all made possible by a Funding Grant which we received from the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in 2020.



Senior Fishing Training Day for Members of the Community. This event was held at Norman Point, Tin Can Bay on Sunday 14th March 2021.

The fishing training day was well attended with 40 persons in attendance including 17 trainees, two Club Instructors and 21 members in support.

The Club Instructors taught the seniors and covered topics including Rules and Responsibility, Bag Limits, Sustainability of Fish stocks, Green Zones and care of the environment.

There was an extensive briefing on Fishing Safety and the need to always be accompanied by a friend or family member. The trainees were taught knot tying, rigging a rod, casting and attaching various baits including yabbies, beach worms and squid.

All present enjoyed an excellent morning tea with a large variety of sandwiches, sweets, tea and coffee and drinks. After the morning tea, the senior trainees were then accompanied by the instructors to the beach area at Norman Point to cast their lines and try to enjoy some practical fishing. There was a variety of fish caught during the morning including Whiting and a few Flathead.

A BBQ Lunch was provided and all enjoyed the variety of food, fruits and snacks that were available.

All the Seniors were presented with a Certificate of Participation and a Voucher that would assist our local businesses during these difficult times.

The event's objectives and planned outcome were all achieved and included many comments received from the participants who really enjoyed the training day. There were also many comments and notes of appreciation received at the end of the day.

Boating Safety Course for Members of the Community. The event was held at the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club House, 33 Dolphin Avenue, Tin Can Bay on Sunday 28th March 2021.



The Boating and Safety course was well attended with 16 participants and 17 club members who assisted during the event. There were two members of the Hervey Bay Water Police in attendance who discussed Boating Safety, Skippers Obligations, Rules and Regulations, Life Jacket requirements, Emergency Equipment and Speed restrictions.

There were two 4.5 m fishing boats on display and participants were able to be shown various anchors, safety equipment, V sheets, Flares and EPIRB demonstration. Builders Plate requirements and maximum numbers of persons recommendation and boat load limitations were also discussed.

The participants then enjoyed a very well presented morning tea with a variety of items including tea, coffee and drinks available to everyone.

A comprehensive briefing on Boating Weather Forecasts, Tides and Safety precautions to be taken when crossing Coastal Bars. Radio Emergency Communications were also discussed as well as the recommendation to log on with Marine Rescue Services.

The participants then enjoyed a delightful lunch that was prepared by our volunteer members. After lunch, the participants were all presented with a Certificate and Vouchers to be used at local businesses.

All the Boating Safety Course objectives were achieved with many favourable comments and notes of thanks and appreciation conveyed to our members.

Junior Fishing Training Day for Juniors aged from 7- 15 years. This event was held at Norman Point, Tin Can Bay on Saturday 17th April 2021.

There were 55 persons who attended the Junior Fishing Day including 15 juniors, their parents, Club instructors and club members. The Juniors were given a very big welcome by the members and the emphasis was on learning and having fun.



The Training segments were fully supervised and co-ordinated by the Club's Instructors, who were assisted by members who were also Blue Card holders.

Training Segments:

Knot Tying, Rod Rigging, Casting, (Morning Tea break) then Hook Tying, and Practical Fishing segment at Norman Point.

The Juniors and their parents enjoyed an excellent lunch from 12noon to 12.30pm that was prepared by our volunteer members.

After lunch, the Juniors were all presented with a Certificate, a new Rod and Reel and a Tackle Box which was a result of a Recreational Funding Grant that was made available and provided by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

June - July 2021

The variable weather conditions have been challenging at times but members are enjoying themselves landing a few squid and having some relaxation and fun. There have been some quality fish caught recently including Flathead, Cod, Trevally, Slatey bream as well as a quality Red Emperor from over the bar submitted by a few of our members during the May mini comp.

The Club fishing days in conjunction with the recent visit by 60 members of the Hervey Bay Fishing Club to Tin Can Bay was enjoyed by members of both clubs. The interaction with the visitors was excellent with club members attending both social evenings at the Tin Can Bay Tourist Park. The final weigh in and trophy presentation for their competition was held at lunch time on Sunday. Their members managed to catch a few fish and good numbers of squid. Their highest point scoring fish was a Golden Trevally which was caught by one of their members who was fishing with Derek Andrews.

TCB Fishing Club members are looking forward to visiting Hervey Bay to continue the friendship and interaction between our respective clubs.

Club Activities planned for June include assisting the TCB Dragon Boat Club during their Regatta and the welcoming of Costa Georgiadis, host of ABC Gardening Australia for a July fundraising event at TCB to assist other local volunteer groups. Costa will also be visiting schools at Gympie during his visit.

The Tin Can Bay School recently requested our members to attend and provide an introduction to fishing to their younger students. The students enjoyed learning to tie knots and casting a line and a very good time was held by all. The TCB School thanked the club and its members for assisting during the morning.

August 2021

The Club Executive Committee and Members would like to acknowledge and thank the Gympie Regional Council for the Grant Funding of \$1,598.00 received in Round 2/2021. This funding has enabled the club to purchase a new Laptop Computer and Printer as well as a subscription to Quick-Books for two years.

This will provide the Club Treasurer with the means to provide excellent Fiscal Management and assist both our Accountant and Auditor at the end of each financial year.

The Tin Can Bay Fishing Club recently expanded its education and training profile, by hosting a training day workshop for members. Topics covered included State-wide and local Rules and Responsibilities, Bag Limits, Fish-Stock Sustainability, Green Zones and care for our environment.

The workshop was well supported with 32 persons in attendance. The information and support provided by our senior Club-Instructors. New members were shown knot-tying, how to properly rig a rod for different fishing locations and species, bait-net casting and advice on bait types, including soft plastics, squid jigs, yabbies, beach worms and squid.

There was an extensive briefing on Fishing and Water Safety, and the importance of providing others with accurate details on planned fishing locations and estimated time of return. Members were also shown the most up-to-date Charts in our region, with emphasis on various species-specific fishing locations.

Green Zones were covered in detail, as fishing in a Green Zone (accidental or not), carries a hefty fine. You **can travel through** a Marine National Park (Green) Zone with fishing gear on board your craft, provided that all fishing lines are stowed or secured; that is, any line or hand-held rod is inboard the boat or in rod holders.

The Club will schedule regular workshop training days and social events to provide ongoing support to members, as well as a variety of activities including Deep Sea Fishing Charters, a Rainbow Beach fishing day and a number of social events such as a visit to a Red Claw Cray Farm at Downfield.

The weather has limited activities recently, but members have reported good size bream (throwing strips of poddy mullet near the Pylons), whiting and squid have still been landed. Some solid Flathead can be found, but they are not as plentiful as this time last year. Using smaller, lighter baits and lures seems to offer the best results at the moment. Golden Trevally are showing up in Snapper Creek, but it is important to "ride the tide" for the best chance of some quality fish.

October/November 2021

The Club held its annual general meeting on 22nd of October with a total of 15 members being voted into various roles within the Committee. The club was left in good order by the past Executive and Committee, leaving a very solid base for the incoming Committee to build upon.

It's been a quiet month for Club fishing trips with a number cancelled due to inclement weather, here's hoping for the weather to be on the improve in the weeks ahead.

The club continues to hold regular Club training and social events, attracting good support from members. The new Committee will continue with these initiatives going forward as feedback from the members is most supportive. On this note the annual Christmas party and Club presentations will be held 28th of November – so Members contact the Secretary with your RSVP if you haven't already done so.

As mentioned, the weather has limited activities recently, however members have reported good catches of Mangrove Jack – still a bit on the small size. With the Jack season just

beginning we'll see the fish getting bigger as the weather warms up. One of the best baits reported being used are strips of poddy mullet on an unweighted rig; that is unless there is a bit of water movement then try adding some weight, but keep it as light as possible.

Catches of Tailor are still being reported up to 60cm in length, bream are still in abundance with plenty being landed. Flathead are also prevalent, try the edges of drop off's during the last couple of hours of the outgoing tide, plastics and baits both appear to be doing the job.