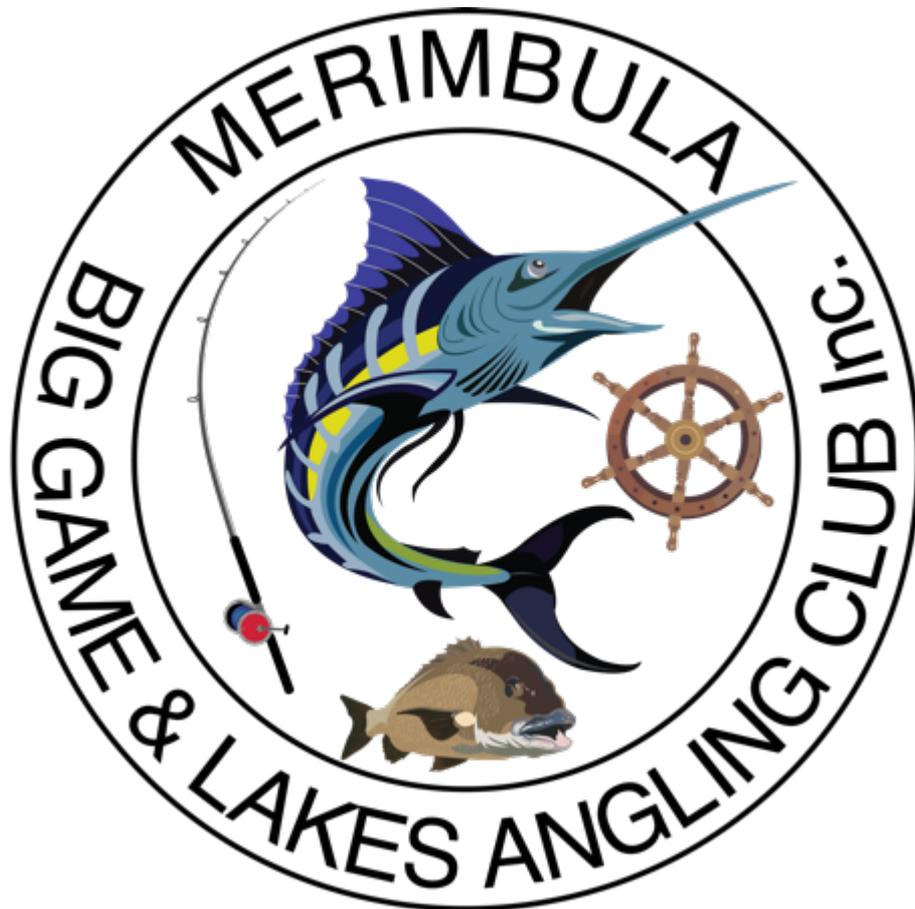


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June 2020 Newsletter

The Catch - June 2020

Hi Members,

Well, we are certainly taking maximum advantage of the calmer weather on offer over recent months with some very credible catches achieved.



Alan Wilkins continues to share the waters off Haycock with members and then proceeds to demonstrate his skills in improving his PB Gummy on back to back trips.

Even I have left the Game Rods in the cupboard and caught my own PB gummies, and I come from Melbourne where Western Port, was the home of the gummies!

Ross McCormack put us all to shame when he caught a beautiful Yellowfin Tuna over the long weekend easily taking out the slab of beer prize for the weekend. And then to reaffirm his "rod grabber" status Ross Cooper captured a credible 52.5kg yellowfin on Sea Mode. Congratulations to both Rosses'.



Chris Young reports weekly to the Merimbula News. Keep your eye on the paper as it prints for us our most current club information. Please put your reports and photographs through to admin@mbglac.com.au to make Chris's report up to date and relevant.

Fishing for our annual trophies for the 2020 -2021 year commenced as normal on 1 June. If you believe you have a good fish, place it on your DPI Brag Mat, take a photo, complete a Capture Slip and submit through to our Recorder via our Website.

On the web you will the Eligible Species list and also a list of all the annual trophies on offer at the end of our fishing year being 31 May 2021.

Special notice to game fishers, your fish whether captured or tagged also need to be submitted via the Capture Slip with either the Weighmasters weigh slip or a photo of the tag card. All members of the game fish subcommittee are able to arrange the weighing of a game fish at the Club. Feel free to contact Snappy, Paul Jones, Dillon Smith, Martin Bartlett or myself and we will make the appropriate arrangements. Eligible fish may find themselves on any number of Club record trophies, for example our 50kg Yellowfin Board, or 100kg Bluefin Tuna Board, and these results also represent our Club in the Southern Zone of NSWGFA.

Club Juniors

As you receive this newsletter we are in the middle of hosting in conjunction with Tackle World, a **Children Winter Holidays Fishing Competition**.



Our fishing club, in conjunction with TackleWorld Merimbula, is endeavouring to claw our way back from the ravages of Bushfires and Covid19 and hopes to give the kids of the far south coast and those visiting on school holidays a fishing competition that is fun, exciting and inexpensive for their parents.

From June 25th and with ****FREE ENTRY**** EVERY FISH submitted on a record slip presented to TackleWorld GETS A FREE ICY POLE AND the longest in each species at the end of the Comp on July 18th it will win a \$40

Tackle World Merimbula voucher in both Junior and Small Fry categories.

MBGLAC is also proud to be sponsoring our sponsor – Tackle World Merimbula and helping to bring essential business stimulus back to our area.

Information about how to enter our competition can be viewed on the MBGLAC Facebook page and Website and the Tackle World Facebook page.

Club Room Update

The pandemic restrictions remain with us.

We have opened on Friday nights but a limit of 20 only persons within the Club makes it a challenge for me. I so want to give everyone a chance to get together and socialize – and we can't.

Hopefully, the pandemic risks subside soon to allow the authorities to reduce the 4 square meter requirement.

It is winter and our Friday Night numbers have been under 20 so there is room for you. Just ring me either to reserve one of the 20 spots or ring before you leave home to double check we are not at capacity.

In the meantime a huge thank you to all members for their patience as we navigate these uncertain times.

Membership Renewals

A reminder – if you haven't renewed your membership then we can't accept any fish you, or your family may wish to lodge on the Lakeview Trophy Board.

Members have well and truly embraced the new process of invoicing their Membership renewals. We have had a fabulous take up. It takes a huge amount of pressure off the running of our club to have that money in the bank for the endless bills that come in.

From all of us on the Committee a huge **THANK YOU**.

Our Sponsors

Happy for you to muse that I am banging on about this, but please, as we slowly emerge from our lock down restrictions have a thought about our hospitality and service industry sponsors and book a table, buy some fishing tackle or just pop in for a beer.

Let's be part of making this a successful winter for our loyal sponsors.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on the 17th August. At the completion of all committee reports, all Committee positions will be vacant and a democratic process will be followed to elect next years committee.

Club Member attendance is generally low. As your current President and being very new in the job it bothers me that I am not engaging enough with members and giving you the opportunity to provide feedback on how you want to see the Club develop. Lockdown under our summer fires and then the pandemic hasn't helped. So, the AGM is even more important for me. It does provide an opportunity for members to share their views and communicate with the outgoing committee, and be heard by the prospective incoming committee members.

We will be calling for position nominations in July. I am very genuine when I say, please if you think you can help us, nominate for one of the positions.

I know I speak for your committee when I say, whilst many of us are relatively recent appointments, we have taken on board our responsibilities seriously, and have been frustrated that the fires and pandemic have been a major distraction and interference in what we have wanted to achieve.

I believe we have a great balance of new enthusiasm and experience from the past making sure that we do reflect before we move forward.

But we have vacancies and need your help.

Merimbula Bar

The Merimbula Bar continues to frustrate. For the past two years, since development of the false channel through the sand spit from Fishpen towards Bar Beach the dissipation of normal current scouring through the bar has seen continuing sand movements and not in a restorative direction. The deeper water is now directly below the Clubs fish cleaning pontoon (Use it as a turning mark!). The bar remains shallow and Marine Rescue Merimbula will not cross within 3 hours of low tide! We believe the solution is simple and cost effective. Just use volunteers to sandbag the false channel, creating a core for the normal sand spit to regenerate and force the current flow back into its usual position and so that it scours a deeper channel at the bar.

We have engaged with Council and they passed us onto Crown Lands. Crown Lands, have undertaken a hydrographic survey (which does not allow for the rapidly changing sand movements). We are told that there is a meeting planned with Council. Let's hope the authorities can actually take some action on behalf of boating safety and our all important tourism Charter industry.

Fish Cleaning Pontoon

My thanks to the members who pointed out that we had further mooring ropes damaged. We have now replaced all mooring lines with a short sling and then chain. Hopefully this will see this damage cease for now.

As always, members please do a quick check that everything is secure and clean whilst you use the facility. We are not maintaining the water pump as it was too often vandalized.

Artificial Reef

We undertake regular "Citizen Science" video surveys of the Artificial Reefs on behalf of DPI Fisheries who are based at Port Stephens. The equipment is provided by the DPI aimed at capturing the progress of the reef's integration into our environment.

The concept is that Members can deploy the gear, then go off fishing and recover the camera on their way back.

If you feel you can commit to helping please contact Chris (0417114 275)

Upcoming Events

Events that we intend to run subject to restrictions, and hopefully some further easing.

July 12th Salmon Sunday

See details on the Web.

15th August Presentation Night

If we can't hold this as scheduled it will be rescheduled as soon as possible after this date. By then I feel we will all want to celebrate a return to more normal times and what better excuse than a celebration of our members angling successes during the "Corona Shortened" 2019 / 2020 angling year.

17th August Annual General Meeting

Your committee will make a decision as to how the AGM will work under the restrictions in place as we approach this date. Hopefully, there is a way forward so we can practice the traditional democratic process whilst practicing appropriate social distancing.

Just a reminder, we are always looking for members that have the energy and passion that can assist us to run the Club. Have a think about it and discuss your thoughts with us.

23rd - 24th October Trip Away - Mex Williams Memorial Fishing Competition

We have almost fully booked the cabins at Wonboyn.

This will be a great weekend.

21st 22nd November Tri Estuary

Ensure this date is locked into your diaries.

Merchandise

We have updated the Web Site on merchandise. Keep in touch with Heather Sutterby.

We have our sun smart shirts with all sizes in stock. To use while out fishing which is a great advertisement of our wonderful club and great protection from the elements you need more than one shirt! Buy now!

We have got Floppy Hats into stock as a trial. These will offer at \$20 each in four sizes and they give far better sun protection than the traditional cap.

Don't forget you can purchase your DPI Brag Mat and Club Logo Stickers as well.

In Closing

We are over the shortest day for the year. The days are getting longer! Quality fish are about for those that can find the time to hunt them down. For example we are told of large trevally at the new Eden wharf. We are in the midst of the winter school holidays and hopefully our children are enjoying the extra freedom we can afford them.

Stay safe and tight lines.

Peter Haar
President
Merimbula Big Game and Lakes Angling Club