

From the President

Hi all and welcome to another edition of the Catch newsletter. I hope everyone has been out fishing, especially those that love chasing the yellowfin, as it's all happening out the front of Merimbula at the moment.

I still have a few VIP Merimbula Tackle World cards if any members have not received one yet. These are a loyalty card, which helps Merimbula Tackle World work out who is supporting them. In turn, they support our club with sponsorship and the loyalty card gives members 15% off purchases as well as earns credit points for your next purchase. Please reach out to admin@mbglac.com.au and we will get you sorted. The club rooms are open every Friday night at 6pm, it would be nice to see a few new faces enjoying the club rooms and views, with a cold bevy now the weather is warming up. We also have a raffle that is sponsored by Goodalls Butchers and the Bar Beach Kiosk.

Check out our coming events on pages 16-17. This year's club trip away is only 2 weekends off. Wonboyn Lake Resort is the venue and there are still 5 cabins available. Last chance to get away for a few days. Call Peter on 0499 334 555 to book a cabin.

Shane Mayberry President

2025 - 2026 Committee

Our AGM was held on 11th August and a new committee has now been inducted and we have had our first meeting. By the time you will have received this newsletter we will be coming up to our second meeting and getting ready for our year's fishing event calendar to begin.

Thanks again to our outgoing members who you will still see helping out around the club: Dale Hayton and Peter Lawler.

Meet your 2025-2026 committee.

President: Shane Mayberry

Vice-President: Lucas "Nobby" Holley

Treasurer: Dianne Hayton Secretary: Fiona Beasley Committee Members:

- Phillip Jacobs
- Greg Ford
- Blain Sharman
- Sue Lafferty
- Avon Rollason
- Glen Rollason
- Brendon Pryor
- Matt Walmsley

Don't forget you do not need to be on the committee to get involved and help out your club. Helpers are always needed for running of comps and activities, bar staff along with other activities that occur throughout the year.

Look out for your opportunity to contribute.

2024 Lakeview Trophy Presentation

Club Champion		
Place	Name	Pts
1	Corey Walker	112
2	Logan Walker	107
3	Shane Mayberry	90
4	Jackson Lee	54
5	Peter McMahon	52

Shore Based Angler		
Place	Name	Pts
1	Shane Mayberry	42
2	Merrily Bell	26
3	Doug Hodsdon	24
4	Blain Sharman	23
4	Ethan Death	23

Lake & Beach Champion		
Place	Name	Pts
1	Glen Rollason	59
2	Logan Walker	57
3	Doug Hodsdon	31
3	Avon Rollason	31
4	Heidi Major	28

Deep Drop Champion		
Place	Name	Pts
1	Corey Walker	6
2	Logan Walker	5
3	Nigel Hack	3
4	Peter McMahon	2
5	Spencer Hamilton	1

2024 Lakeview Trophy Cont.

Men's Champion		
Place	Name	Pts
1	Corey Walker	126
2	Shane Mayberry	99
3	Peter McMahon	89
4	Lucas "Nobby" Holley	59
5	Glen Rollason	56

Ladies Champion		
Place	Name	Pts
1	Merrily Bell	120
2	Leanne Hoath	61
3	Fiona Beasley	50
4	Hayley Lee	41
5	Avon Rollason	39

Junior Champion		
Place	Name	Pts
1	Logan Walker	207
2	Harley Walker	111
3	Jackson Lee	110
4	Ethan Death	44
5	Luke Major	39

Small Fry Champion		
Place	Name	Pts
1	Riley Holley	112
2	Noah Walker	77
3	Lachlan Wilkins	72
4	Bronson Pryor	67
5	Spencer Hamilton	66

2024 Lakeview Trophy Cont.

Game Fish Winners		
1 st Line Class Yellowfin Tuna over 25kg	Geoff McMahon	25kg
Heaviest Marlin	Hayley Lee	95kg
Heaviest Tuna	Brendan Chippendale	53.9kg
Heaviest Shark	Logan Walker	76.6kg
Heaviest other Game Fish	Noah Walker	6.1kg
Highest Point Score T & R Male	Tyrone O'Connor	363 500 pts
Highest Point Score T & R Female	Jessica Weigand	8 500 pts
Highest Point Score T & R Junior	Logan Walker	31 727 pts
Highest Point Score T & R Small Fry	York Chippendale	21 250 pts
Highest Point Score T & R Boat	She Left	338 000 pts
Highest Point Score Capture Male	Joe Galea	5 776 pts
Highest Point Score Capture Female	Hayley Lee	9 025 pts
Highest Point Score Capture Junior	Logan Walker	12 137.47 pts
Highest Point Score Capture Small Fry	Noah Walker	4 470.37 pts
Highest Point Score Capture Boat	lceman 2	16 528.31 pts
Most Meritorious	Hayley Lee	Marlin 95 kg

2024 Lakeview Trophy Cont.

New Club Records			
Brown Trout	Bronson Pryor	640 mm	30/12/2024
Estuary Perch	Glen Rollason	491 mm	31/12/2025
Leatherjacket	Peter McMahon	533mm	05/03/2025
Bass	Ethan Death	510 mm	29/03/2025
Snapper	Corey Walker	841mm	24/05/2025



Small Fry Champion -Riley Holley



Lake & Beach Champion - Glen Rollason (centre), Doug Hodsdon (left) and Avon Rollason(right) equal third with President Shane Mayberry (back)



Sam Trewin caught the heaviest trevally and heaviest flounder for the season



Ladies Champion - (L-R) Merrily Bell (1st), Shane Mayberry (President), Leanne Hoath(2nd), Fiona Beasley (3rd)



Clubman of the Year Lucas "Nobby" Holley



Bill Bell was thrilled to have finally won the longest Dusky flathead perpetual trophy. It is the Graeme Bell trophy, named after his father.



New club record holders - (L-R) Glen Rollason (estuary perch), Ethan Death (Bass)

Thanks to our sponsors, the Lakeview Hotel, who make our presentation, trophies and prizes possible for all winners.

Thanks for the support.



Above: Geoff McMahon winner of the first line class yellowfin of the season.

Below: Bronson Pryor (brown trout) who incidentally beat his own record from the previous year.



LAKEVIEW HOTEL

MERIMBULA

Winter School Holidays Junior Fishing Compeition

The Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club proudly hosted the Junior Fishing Competition during the July school holidays, running from the 5th to the 18th of July 2025. A huge thank you to the parents, carers, and young anglers who participated and helped make this community event such a success.

We had an impressive 87 registered anglers, 57 Small Fry and 30 Juniors targeting five species: Bream, Flathead, Trevally, Tailor, and Salmon. Over the competition period, 26 anglers successfully weighed in their catches.

While the cold waters and tough fishing conditions made for a challenging experience, the enthusiasm and determination shown by all participants was incredible.

Our presentation day was held on Sunday, 20th July and saw a fantastic turnout. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each species category, as well as for the biggest bag in both the Small Fry and Junior divisions.

There were also plenty of giveaways, including 8 rod and reel combos, gift bags from MBGLAC, and a special hamper sponsored by Kristy McBain.

Congratulations to all our competitors and prize winners we're proud of everyone who took part and look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Small Fry 3rd place

Tailor - Riley Holley Bream - Clay Johnson Flathead - Sophie Holley Salmon - Quin Jessop Trevally - Leo Sharman

Small Fry 2nd place

Tailor - Sophie Holley Bream - Riley Holley Flathead - Bronson Pryor Salmon - Bailey Bradford Trevally - Hayden Mcgregor

Small Fry 1st place

Tailor - Quin Jessop Bream - Cody Warren Flathead - Baxter Pryor Salmon - Hayden Mcgregor Trevally - Ari Neilson

Small Fry BIGGEST bag - Riley Holley

Junior 3rd place

Tailor - no fish caught Bream - Darcy McGregor and Jack Byard (equal) Flathead - Shane Umback Salmon - Hayden Thompson Trevally - no fish caught

Junior 2nd place

Tailor - McGegor Bream - Levi Gowing Flathead - Darcy McGegor Salmon - Darcy McGegor Trevally - no fish caught

Junior 1st place

Tailor - -Shane Umback Bream - Nate Gowing Flathead - Hayden Thompson Salmon - Shane Umback Trevally - Billy Marshall

Junior BIGGEST bag - Shane Umback

We would like to say a Big thank you to all our sponsors without you this community event would not be possible.

Sponsors: Tackle World, Boss Outdoosr Merimbula, Tackle Tactics, Kristy McBain, Bobbins Transport, Bega Cheese, Direct Appliance Services, Rhythm Snowsport, Top Fun, McDonalds Merimbula, Tura Beach Woolworths, Coles & Aldi for their generous support.

The MBGLAC would like to thank Hayley and Nobby for organising this event and would like to thank Blain, Stuart, Jeff, Shane, Kelly and Emily for help over the 2 weeks or on the presentation day.









Junior Fishing Workshop 13th July 2025

The MBGLAC Junior Fishing Workshop was held on Sunday, 13th July 2025, proudly hosted in partnership with Tackle Tactics. This fun and educational event welcomed 32 children, all eager to learn and develop their fishing skills in a supportive, hands-on environment. Throughout the day, participants learned valuable techniques including knot tying, casting, sustainable fishing practices, and fish identification.

It was fantastic to see so many young anglers building confidence, asking questions, and encouraging each other as they developed new skills. Every child received a rod and reel set from MBGLAC, along with a pack of Z-Man plastics, jig heads, a buff mask, and a McDonald's voucher. A special thank you to our generous sponsors for making this possible.

We wrapped up the day by wetting a line at the MBGLAC jetty, where many of the kids put their newly learned skills to the test. The smiles, teamwork, and sense of achievement shared among the group was a highlight for everyone involved. Events like this wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our community and sponsors: Tackle Tactics, Merimbula McDonalds, and Tura Beach Woolworths. Thank you!

The MBGLAC would also like to give a huge shoutout to Hayley and Nobby for organising the workshop, and to Blain, Tyler, Blake, Kelly, and Emily for your invaluable help on the day. Your time and effort helped create an unforgettable experience for our next generation of anglers.







Fish Cleaning Pontoon UPDATE

Our fish cleaning pontoon has now been out of the water for over 18 months. It broke its moorings in June 2024 as a result of large seas and made its way to Top Lake.

The pontoon itself has now been repaired and has new signage and is eagerly awaiting its return to the Merimbula Lake near the entrance.

As the mooring and associated infrastructure for the pontoon disappeared into the sand, the MBGLAC has Eden Slipways working on new concrete blocks and chains to be reinstalled in the lake according to the engineering plans. An application for a Boating Infrastructure Maintenance Grant through the NSW government, will hopefully cover the cost of reinstating the pontoon to the water in time for the Christmas holidays.



Above is the fish cleaning pontoon where it finished up at Top Lake in June 2024 Below is how the pontoon now looks, ready to go back into the lake.

Salmon Sunday

Salmon Sunday was held in July and with pleasant weather a few fish were caught at Haycock Beach.

A BBQ was enjoyed by all who attended.

Bernie VanDermay again took out the biggest catch.







All things Game Fishing

SOUTHERN ZONE EVENTS CALENDAR 2025-2026

Zone weekend	July 12-13
Zone weekend	July 26-27
Zone weekend	August 9-10
Zone weekend	August 23-24
Zone weekend	September 13-14
Zone weekend	September 27-28
Zone weekend Labour Day	October 4, 5, 6
Zone weekend	October 11-12
Zone weekend	October 25-26
Zone weekend	November 8-9
Zone weekend	November 22-23
Zone weekend	December 13-14
Zone weekend	December 27-28
Zone weekend	January 10-11
Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic*	January 16, 17,18
Zone weekend	January 24-25
Bermagui Bluewater Classic*	January 24, 25, 26
Ulladulla Jess Sam's Tournament*	January 30, 31, Feb 1
Zone weekend	February 14-15
Tathra AFC Tournament*	February 13, 14, 15
NSWGFA Interclub*	February 19, 20, 21, 22
Shellharbour GFC Bluewater Classic *	March 6,7, 8, 9
Alliance Tournament*	March 7-8
Zone weekend	March 14-15
Kiama Blowhole Bigfish Classic	March 13, 14, 15
Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament*	March 21-22
Zone weekend	March 28-29
Shoalhaven Open Tournament *	March 28-29
Zone weekend Easter	April 3, 4, 5, 6
Zone weekend	April 11-12
Zone weekend ANZAC Day	April 24, 25, 26
Zone weekend	May 9-10
Canberra Tuna Tournament*	May 23, 24, 25
Zone weekend	May 23,24
Zone weekend Kings Birthday	June 6, 7, 8
Zone weekend	June 13-14
Zone weekend	June 27-28
Southern Zone AGM & Presentation Lunch	July 5
Zone weekend	July 11-12
Zone weekend	July 25-26

NB: Zone weekends are the second and fourth full weekends of every month. Fish tagged or captured at the NSW Interclub will be counted in SZ monthly Cock O the Walk competition. All gazetted NSW Public Holiday long weeks are included. * denotes nominated tournaments eligible for Zone points plus the Columbus and George Bass trophies.

All things Game Fishing

Congratulations to all our club members who were successful at the NSWGFA Presentation.

NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophy
2024/2025
Amatil Shield
Boat scoring the highest points for Tag & Release

She Left 1,352,000 Points Merimbula BG&LAC

NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophy
2024/2025

John O'Brien Tag & Release Trophy

Male Angler Scoring Highest Total Points

for Tag & Release

Tyrone O'Connor 1,370,500 Points Merimbula BG&LAC

NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophy
2024/2025
N.S.W.G.F.A Trophy
Heaviest Game Fish Captured on 6kg Line

Noah Walker 6.1kg Mahi Mahi Merimbula BG&LAC



NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophy 2024/2025 NSWGFA Zone Trophy

Angler with the Highest Point Score for Tag & Release in Southern Zone

Tyrone O'Connor 1,370,500 Points Merimbula BG&LAC

NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophy
2024/2025

Don Goswell Tag & Release Trophy
Boat Scoring Highest
Total Points for Tag & Release Billfish

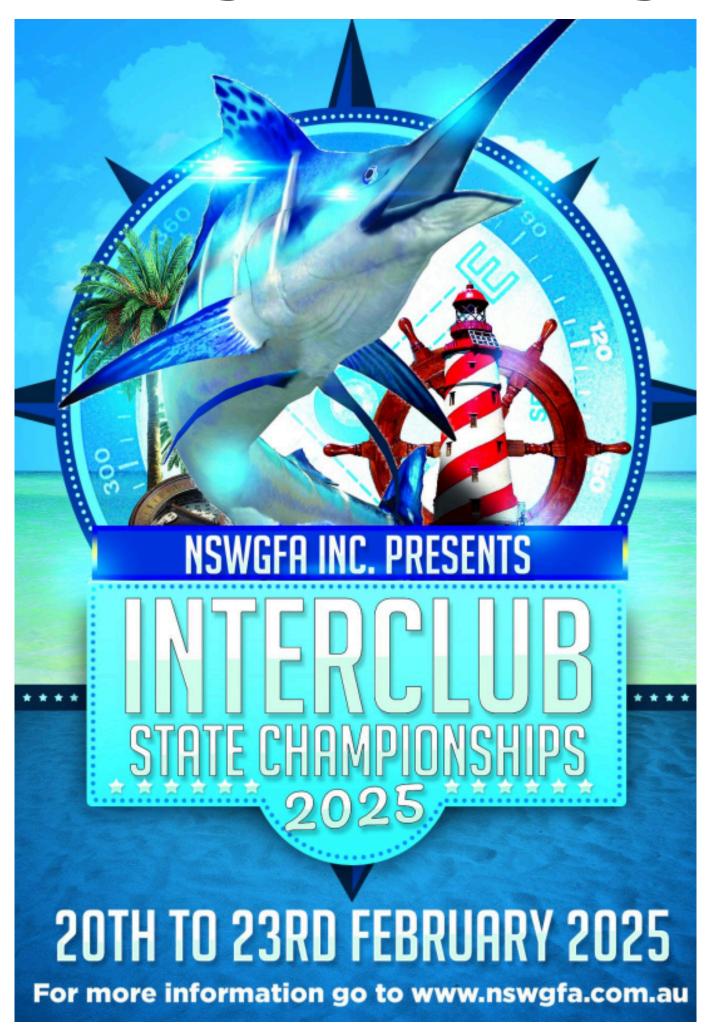
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NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophy
2024/2025
Peter Bennett Ambition Trophy
Angles Seeing Hisbert Total Points

Angler Scoring Highest Total Points for Tag & Release Tuna

Brendan Chippindale 9,000 Points Merimbula BG&LAC

All things Game Fishing



COTW Results - Southern Zone

CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH March

Shoalhaven 25	
Shellharbour 20	
Tathra 17	
Merimbula 9	
Jervis Bay 7	

TAG & RELEASE PONTS FOR MONTH

Boat	Points	Club	SZ Points
Game Chaser	200,000	Canberra	5
Another Screema	180,000	Canberra	4
Tomahawk	168,000	Ulladulla	3
She Left	142,500	Merimbula	2
Mr Hooker	110.075	Canberra	1

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2024-25		PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2024-25	
Shellharbour	61	Shellharbour	34
Canberra	24	Canberra	23
Shoalhaven	20	Merimbula	19
Tathra	17	Bermagui	14
Batemans Bay	12	Jervis Bay	11
Shoalhaven	10	Ulladulla	8
Bermagui	9	Tathra	1
Merimbula	9		
Jervis Bay	7		

CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH July

Merimbula	14
Bermagui	8
Batemans Bay	6

TAG & RELEASE PONTS FOR MONTH

Boat	Points	Club	SZ Points
Iceman2	3,000	Canberra	5
Krystle Pistol	2,000	Batemans Bay	4
The Hulk	575	Merimbula	3

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2023-24		PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2023-24	
Merimbula	23	Canberra	18
Canberra	18	Merimbula	5
Shellharbour	10	Batemans Bay	4
Bermagui	8		
Batemans Bay	6		
Jervis Bay	3		
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CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH UNG

Canberra	17
Shellharbour	10
Merimbula	7
Jervis Bay	3

TAG & RELEASE PONTS FOR MONTH

Boat	Points	Club	SZ Points
Speedy	11,500	Canberra	5
Game Chaser	7,000	Canberra	4
Mr Hooker	6,000	Canberra	3
The Hulk	2,150	Merimbula	2
Another Screema	1,850	Canberra	1

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2023-24		PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2023-24		
Canberra	17	Canberra	13	
Shellharbour	10	Merimbula	2	
Merimbula	7			
Jervis Bay	3			

Tuna Bash Results

Highest Point Score Boat receiving the perpetual trophy was The Hulk with 4722.98 points. They captured 4 yellowfin and 1 tagged albacore.

Sea Hog was second with 3633.14 points.

The male angler with highest individual point score was Trevor Chippendale, followed by Geoff McMahon. All other awards went unclaimed.



New and updated rules now in place.

NSWGFA BY-LAWS & REGULATIONS

Line and Backing

- The use of backing is permissible. (Note: there is no restriction on the type or size of backing used as long as it is Monofil
 ament, multifilament, lead core multifilament but not wire.)
- The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line (for record claims, 16m of the single line must be supplied).

3 NSW Coastal Waters Trophy

- To qualify for the NSW Coastal Waters Trophy the angler must be a full financial member of a NSWGFA affiliated club prior to the capture of the fish.
- Solo anglers will be ineligible to receive points towards NSWGFA Coastal waters trophies. Only those fishing with a minimum of 2 persons on board will qualify for these awards, thereby reinforcing the commitment to safer angling practices.

4 WEIGHING OF GILLED AND GUTTED FISH

- NSWGFA affiliated clubs' weigh stations accept gilled and gutted fish for trophy record and point score purposes.
- II. Any Game Fish species being weighed for trophies, points, prize money or records are to be weighed in one piece with head & tail attached.

Coming Events.....



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- WHAT SIZE HOOKS & WEIGHT OF JIG HEAD
- CASTING
- HOW TO WORK THE LURES WHILE FISHING

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2025 - 2026 Calendar of Events

as at October 2025

OCTOBER	Monthly Species Challenge	
	Mex Williams Memorial Club Trip	25-26
	Reel It In Flathead and Bream Challenge	25-26
NOVEMBER	Monthly Species Challenge -	
	Soft Plastics & Lures Junior Workshop	1
	Tri-Estuary Challenge	22-23
DECEMBER	Monthly Species Challenge	
	Xmas Day	25
	Boxing Day	26
JANUARY	Monthly Species Challenge	
	Brogo Big Bass	30,31, 1(Feb)
FEBRUARY	Brogo Big Bass	1
	Monthly Species Challenge	
	Dusky Challenge	21-22
MARCH	Monthly Species Challenge	
	March Marlin	1-31
APRIL	Monthly Species Challenge	
	Pirtek Fishing Challenge	
MAY	Monthly Species Challenge	
	Grudge Match - Eden Pambula, Merimbula (Pambula Hosting)	15-17
	Snapper Classic	30-31

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