MERIMBULA BIG GAME & LAKES ANGLING CLUB INC.

Proudly Presents

The Tri-Estuary Challenge

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AIR CONDITIONING & COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION



Horizon Bank

Cash & Goods Prize Pool $2500

28th & 29th November 2026

Location: Bega River Estuary, Merimbula Lake including Merimbula Back Lake & Pambula Lake and Rivers

Cost: Adults $35 (members)
$40 (non-members)
Juniors $FREE (unless they wish to fish as adults)

6 Species: Bream, Dusky Flathead, Trevally, Tailor, Whiting & Mulloway

Entries and Briefing: Friday 27th November; MBGLAC Clubrooms Spencer Park; Open 5.00pm - 8.00pm for entries, briefing and pick up Tokens.

All entries are subject to entry requirements, an entry form and waiver must be signed prior to the commencement of the competition. To be eligible for prizes Dusky Flathead and Bream categories they are required to be released after photograph. MBGLAC encourages catch and release for all other species. All fish to be photographed on DPI brag mats only, with the issued token clearly displayed. All anglers must hold an NSW Fishing License, unless they are exempt. All anglers are responsible for determining their own eligibility for a fishing licence exemption.

PRIZE LIST

Junior		
Species	**1st Prize**	**2nd Prize**
Bream (Lure or Bait)	$50 cash & trophy	$30 voucher
Dusky Flathead (Lure or Bait)	$50 cash & trophy	$30 voucher
Trevally (Lure or Bait)	$50 cash & trophy	$30 voucher
Whiting (Lure or Bait)	$50 cash & trophy	$30 voucher
Tailor (Lure or Bait)	$50 cash & trophy	$30 voucher

Junior Prizes

Junior's that catch a legal Tri-Estuary species & don't win first or second place are eligible for $10 fishing vouchers.

Mystery Prizes x 2

There will be [2]two mystery length prizes for all entrants that catch a Legal length Bream, for those who did not win a major prize.

Adult		
Species	**1st Prize**	**2nd Prize**
Bream (Lure)	$400 cash	$150 cash
Bream (Bait)	$400 cash	$150 cash
Dusky Flathead (Lure or Bait)	$250 cash	$150 cash
Trevally (Lure or Bait)	$150 cash	$75 cash
Whiting (Lure or Bait)	$100 cash	$ 50 cash
Tailor (Lure or Bait)	$75 cash	$ 50 cash
Mulloway (Lure or Bait) **Must be 70mm or bigger* ***Open to Junior & Adult.***	$300 cash	No 2nd Prize

MBGLAC TRI-ESTUARY CHALLENGE RULES

ELIGIBILITY FOR PRIZES

All fish **must be presented via a photo on a DPI brag mat, clearly showing the token.** Each Angler will be eligible for one prize per fish species. Photos will be validated by the Weighmaster. They have the right to adjust the claimed length as per the photos submitted and also have the right to reject the photo totally for quality or if verification of length could not be determined. Should there be a tie for a prize, the winning fish will be determined by a countback to the time that the fish was photographed. The Weighmasters decisions are complete and final.

Brag mats may be purchased from the club for $10 any time.

Junior Anglers

During the Challenge, Juniors aged 5-12 must always fish under the supervision of a responsible adult. Juniors aged 13-16 may fish independently, provided they follow NSW Fisheries regulations and have an adult or guardian over 18 sign the entry form. The MBGLAC takes no responsibility for the supervision of minors at any time on or off Club Grounds, and minors must always be in the company of a responsible Adult within the Clubrooms at all times

FISHING AREAS

Bega River and estuary,
Merimbula Lake and Merimbula Back Lake &
Pambula Lake and Rivers,
upstream from their mouths.

FISHING METHODS

Fish must be caught by rod and reel and comply with NSW DPI Fisheries regulations. **** MBGLAC and the DPI encourage and recommend the use of Circle hooks when using bait, especially for large flathead using strip and live baits.*

FISHING TIMES

Saturday, 28th November, fishing commences at **5.00**am and stops at **8pm.** On Sunday, 29th November, fishing commences at **5am** and all record sheets must be at the clubhouse FULLY COMPLETED **no later** than **2.00pm** on Sunday 29th November.
There is to be no fishing after dark.

RECORD SHEETS

Anglers are required to fill in individual record sheets displaying the date, time of capture and lengths as specified for all **legal length** fish.
All photos and completed/filled in record sheets **must be** in the hands of the weighmaster by **2.00pm** on Sunday 23rd Nov. This means the **record sheets must be filled in and completed by 2pm**. If record sheets are not completed by 2pm, fish will be ineligible for prizes.

OFFICIAL MEASURING STATION

The MBGLAC clubhouse is the official station. The Weighmaster is available from **12.30pm on Sunday 29th Nov.** All record sheets must be verified and signed by the weighmaster.

FISH MEASUREMENT

Fish are judged by length, not weight. All fish are measured from the **tip** of the nose to the **end** of the tail, as per DPI regulations using a DPI Brag Mat. Quality photo clearly showing Brag Mat, Token and full length of fish is required to be presented.

Tri-Estuary Challenge Entry

Entry: Adult $35 (member) - $40 (non-member)

Junior Free (under 16 years old)

Complete Entry at the MBGLAC clubhouse, briefing on Fri 27th Nov 2024 from 5 pm.

Juniors may enter as an adult by paying the adult fee, but this makes them ineligible for junior prizes; all junior entry requirements apply

Payment Methods: Cash, EFT.

Angler's Name	Mobile	E-Mail	Token Nos.	$ Entry
Junior Anglers				

Declaration

As an entrant, I will ensure that all fishing practices are in accordance with the current NSW Fisheries regulations. I understand that the decisions of the MBGLAC Inc committee are final in any disputes. I will indemnify MBGLAC and all its members and sponsors in the event of any loss or injury suffered in conjunction with this event. I further understand that all insurance is my own responsibility. By signing on behalf of a junior entering the Tri Estuary Competition, I take full responsibility for the junior's participation, safety and their adherence to NSW Fisheries regulations. For juniors aged 5 to 13, I acknowledge that it is my duty to supervise and ensure the wellbeing of the child throughout the event. For juniors aged 13 to 16, my signature provides consent for their independent participation in the Tri Estuary Competition.

I have read and understood the rules of the competition.

Signature _____ __ / __/ 2026

Name of Guardian if Entrant is a Junior _____

Individual Record Sheet

Name :__________________________________ Senior / Junior

NOTE: In the event of a draw, the winner will be the first fish recorded.

Please record measurements in millimetres (mm)

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PRESENTATION

All photos and completed record sheets **must be** in the hands of the weighmaster by **2.00pm** on Sunday 29th Nov.

The presentation will be held at the MBGLAC clubrooms at approx. **4.00pm** on **Sunday 29th November**, or as otherwise instructed.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the Committee's discretion.

A sausage sizzle will be provided. Drinks at our bar prices.

Due to the number of prizes on offer, we encourage participants to enjoy a social afternoon at the clubrooms while waiting for all capture results to be checked and ratified.

For any issues, queries, or problems of any kind during the comp, please phone:

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