

President's Report 2025

Hi all, another season ends and what a season we had some of the best snapper and gurnard fishing seen for a while, especially big snapper with at least 4 over 20lb (9.1kg) that I know of and many more pin snapper. That's quite cool when we consider that no pin snapper were weighed in last year. Then there is the gurnard, I haven't seen the full number as yet but if it wasn't our best year it will be up there, however the lack of kahawai on our local beaches is a concern, lots of small ones I agree, so here's hoping we could see more bigger kahawai in the near future. Speaking of the future lets all think positively for long calm weather for our next season 2025/26.

My sincere congratulations to all our new club champions .To win our top trophies takes full commitment over the entire season with knowledge gained over years of experience and a high work rate (ie changing baits every 20 to 30 min - moving to different spots over a weekend etc) it's an awesome effort, well done to all.

TO THE COMMITTEE

President - some old guy, Vice President - Peter Kilkelly, Club Captain - James Benge, Vice Club Captain - Justin Carroll, Secretary and Treasurer - Melissa Benge, Weigh Master - Nikki Middleton, Newscaster - Krim Brown, Industry Liaison Advocate - Jim Yeoman, Robbie Danks and Ian Lopdell Committee members.

For me it is a privilege to be part of a club with all of these extraordinary selfless people. My thanks goes to all of you especially Melissa ,Nikki and Peter without whom our club would be a very different place. On top of their already elected position they also organised our kahawai contest which was another financial success and not to mention Melissa with help from Nikki has been our secretary. The position of secretary has been vacant for nearly two years, great news we have filled this position. Thank you Robbie. The club will also be investing in new software to help Melissa with her treasurer work. Robbie has only been a member for 2 years and has already taken on two important jobs: a membership drive by rewriting our membership application form and then rewriting our constitution, this was long overdue awesome work mate thank you.

Welcome to all new members, the best bit of advice I can offer is to make yourself known, introduce yourself to as many members as you can, this may need to happen more than once in my case anyway, also get involved in as many club fishing weekends as you can manage . All members are welcome to all activities and there is nothing compulsory, you do what you can when you can, you get out what you put in.

Our club has now been going for 70 years, that is a tribute to ALL members past and present and it is something we can all be proud of.

I hope to see you at the beach, good fishing.

Mark Ives President